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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. T. Urling Walker upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, T. Urling and Mabel Walker were united in marriage on September 25, 1948, at the First Methodist Church in Clarion, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Walker moved to Watertown, New York in 1951, and have resided in the north country for 62 years; and

WHEREAS, T. Urling Walker was raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and served in the Pacific Theatre as part of the United States Army Air Corps as a chief mechanic on B24, four-engine bombers; and

WHEREAS, After the war, T. Urling Walker attended Washington and Jefferson College in Pennsylvania, and Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio, earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1951; and

WHEREAS, T. Urling Walker began working for New York Air Brake Company in July of 1951, eventually serving as executive engineer for the company for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, T. Urling Walker was also a member of the Jefferson Community College's engineering faculty from 1963 to 1971, served as a JCC trustee from 1982 to 1991, and was one of the founding members of the JCC Foundation, serving two years as chairman of its board of directors; and

WHEREAS, T. Urling Walker also served as mayor of Watertown from 1983 to 1991, and for a short time as interim city manager; and

WHEREAS, Mabel Walker graduated from high school in Clarion, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the nursing school of Allegheny Hospital in Pittsburgh in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Mabel Walker was one of the first graduates of the Empire State College Division in Watertown, receiving her bachelor of arts degree in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mabel Walker remained active in the health care field throughout her life, helping to start Hospice in Jefferson County, and volunteering as a nurse to friends in need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been members of the Presbyterian Church for nearly 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the proud parents of Laurie Pike of Watertown, New York, and Dr. Thomas U. Walker, Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland, as well as two deceased daughters; they are also the loving grandparents of five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Walker are and always have been a tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their family; and

WHEREAS, Their love, devotion, caring, sensitivity and responsiveness to their family, friends and all who know them are their hallmark and tradition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Walker have always demonstrated their compassion and generosity by lending a hand to neighbors facing tough times; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Walker have lived and continue to live their lives with great dignity and genuine grace, always demonstrating a deep and continuing concern for human values and ideals, and in so doing, they have inspired others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, This meaningful occasion is the result of the love, hard work and spirit that this couple has invested in their marriage; and

WHEREAS, They have passed these same values to their loved ones, producing a family that is close-knit and supportive of its individual members, public-minded in its relations to the community and committed to the ideals of citizenship upon which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. T. Urling Walker have touched the lives of their family and many friends through the shining example of their marriage, which is a testament to the devotion and admiration which they possess for one another; and

WHEREAS, The longevity of this enduring marriage truly marks a milestone in life's journey, an event of personal triumph and joy; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an occasion of such importance is brought to our attention, the same should be memorialized by us for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. T. Urling Walker upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. T. Urling Walker.