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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Villani upon the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Carmela Felicia Romanelli of Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, and Salvatore Basil Villani of Williamsburg, Brooklyn were united in marriage on October 10, 1953 at Incarnation Church in Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, The loving couple began their lives together in Queens and then moved to New Hyde Park; as their family grew, they moved to Albertson until 1991, and currently reside in Mineola; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Villani are the proud parents of six children, Joe, Fran, Regina, Jeanne, Maryanne, and Peter, and the loving grandparents of seven beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Villani 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, An avid volunteer, Salvatore Villani has been a deacon at St. Aidan Church in Williston Park for the past 29 years; in addition, he worked with AIDS patients, and as a counselor with the Long Island Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence; he retired from IBM after 33 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Carmela Villani stayed home to raise the couple's six children; having earned a Master's degree in Reading, she was a teacher at St. Aidan's School for almost 20 years, and upon retiring, worked for the non-profit organization, New Ground; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, both Salvatore and Carmela have been longtime

parishioners, and continue their help with the church; they have hosted a prayer group in their home for several years, and with their warmth, openness, and generosity, have inspired many people; and WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Villani 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 this couple has invested in their marriage; and

WHEREAS, These same values they have passed 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. Salvatore Villani 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. Salvatore Villani upon the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Villani.