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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Zehr upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Gloria and Ralph L. Zehr were united in marriage on December 7, 1963, at Evangelical United Brethren Church in Beaver Falls, New York, with The Reverend Stewart McCleary officiating; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Zehr celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception hosted by their daughters; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of three daughters, Marcy, Susan and Heidi, and the loving grandparents of six grandchildren, as well as one great-granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Zehr, the daughter of the late Francis and Ruby Martin, attended Watertown High School; and

WHEREAS, After 20 years of distinguished service to Jefferson County Department of Social Services, Gloria Zehr retired in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ralph L. Zehr, the son of the late Ira and Laura Zehr, graduated from Beaver River Central High School; he served his country as a member of the Army Reserve until his retirement in 1991; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, after his illustrious career of 36 years, Ralph L. Zehr retired from Knorr Brake Ltd., part of New York Air Brake Company; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Ralph L. Zehr is a member of the North Side Improvement League, and works part-time at Kinney Drugs in Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Zehr 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. Ralph L. Zehr 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, 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. Ralph L. Zehr 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. Ralph L. Zehr upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Zehr.