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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rapoport upon the occasion of celebrating their 73rd Wedding Anniversary on March 10, 2014

WHEREAS, Lifelong residents of New Scotland Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rapoport were educated in the Albany school system; Bert and Emily both attended School 19 and are graduates of Albany High School, where their love story began at the 1935 football prom; and

WHEREAS, Bert and Emily Rapoport were united in marriage on March 10, 1941, nine months prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor; Bert enlisted in the Navy in the summer of 1942, and returned home in November of 1945; and

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

WHEREAS, Emily Rapoport worked for John G. Myers, and continues to enjoy creating beautiful afghans, sweaters, and blankets for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Bert Rapoport is retired from the financial field with Security Mutual Life of New York; he loves playing the piano, and reminiscing of the "Big Band" days; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rapoport enjoy traveling, and have cruised to many parts of the world; they have fond memories of their summer cottage on Warner's Lake, and their winter home in Zephr Hills, Florida later in life; 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, They are the proud parents of Janis and George (Marie), and

the loving grandparents of two grandchildren, Scott and Jason, as well as two great-grandchildren, Brooke and Richie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rapoport 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. Bert Rapoport 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. Bert Rapoport upon the occasion of their 73rd Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

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