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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Frederick and Joy Richardson upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 30, 2014

WHEREAS, Frederick and Joy Richardson were united in marriage on May 30, 1964, at Thompson Memorial AME Zion Church, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to congratulate Frederick and Joy Richardson upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary; a reception will be held in their honor on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at the Holiday Inn, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This civic-minded couple has 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, Frederick Nathaniel Richardson was born in Auburn to Walter Burton Richardson and Gertrude Ann Jones Richardson, one of nine children; the Richardson Family has resided in Auburn since 1870 when Jacob Richardson, a former slave, moved to the area from Richmond, Virginia, after the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Richardson graduated from West High School in 1961, and has enjoyed a varied professional career, including more than 20 years of progressive experience at the Booker T. Washington Community Center in Auburn; he retired as Superintendent of Cayuga Correctional Facility, Moravia, New York, in 1992 after nearly 30 years of service within the New York State Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Proud of his heritage, Frederick Richardson has been actively engaged in civic and community activities throughout his worthy life; he has served on the boards of directors of many organizations, including Booker T. Washington Community Center, United Way, YMCA, Cayuga Bank,

Thompson Memorial AME Zion Church, and many more; he is currently the Chairman of the City of Auburn Human Rights Board, and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Cayuga Centers; and

WHEREAS, Joy Marie Amos Richardson was born in New York City, and raised in Syracuse and Auburn; the daughter of George Amos and Gertrude Dawson Amos Johnson, she graduated from Central High School in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Aunt Joy" by many, Joy Richardson worked at the Booker T. Washington Community Center for many years as a pre-school teacher and recreation leader; and

WHEREAS, Frederick and Joy Richardson are and always have been a tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their family; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of one daughter, Dawn Marie Richardson, and a son, Buddy Hardeman, and the loving grandparents of one granddaughter, Lana; 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, 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, Frederick and Joy Richardson 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 occa-

sion 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 Frederick and Joy Richardson upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frederick and Joy Richardson.