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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bowman upon the occasion of celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Ralph Bowman and Shirley Bruno were united in marriage on May 16, 1959, at St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville, New York, with the Reverend Claude Gobet officiating; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, who reside in Carthage, New York, observed their 55th Anniversary on May 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman graduated from West Carthage High School in 1953, and thereafter from the Watertown School of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman served in the United States Navy for four years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman was employed by the A & P and Acme Markets in Carthage and is a lifelong member of the Carthage American Legion Post 789; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowman graduated from Peru Central School in 1953, and from Plattsburgh State College in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowman was employed as a school nurse teacher in Carthage and also as a private duty registered nurse; she is a member of the Ave Maria Circle and a life member of the Veterans Foreign Wars Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman owned and operated Bowman's Market in Great Bend, New York for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are the parents of Deborah A. Benna of Bradenton, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman 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. Bowman 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. Bowman 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 Bowman upon the occasion of celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bowman.