

## 2013-K1348

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Parafinczuk upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Raymond F. Parafinczuk and Helen Camuza were united in marriage on November 13, 1949, in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs Raymond F. Parafinczuk will joyously observe their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 29, 2014, with a celebration held in their honor at Eagle Crest Senior Village, West Seneca, New York; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of five children, Raymond J., Gary, Carol McKenica, Susan Burns and Nancy Speser; and the loving grandparents of 13 grandchildren: Becky, Katie, Justin, Jenna, John, Trent, Elise, Stacey, Brett, Drew, Jackie, Arendt and Ariel, and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Raymond and Helen met on a blind date set-up by Raymond's sister, Adeline, who worked with Helen at the Electric Building in Buffalo, New York; after a short courtship, the couple was married in "a big, fat Greek wedding"; and

WHEREAS, Raymond F. Parafinczuk served in the United States Air Force from 1943-1945; returning from his tour of duty he started working for the New York Telephone Company, first in Orchard Park, New York, and then for a brief time in Watervliet, New York; and

WHEREAS, After relocating back to Orchard Park, New York, and building the family home in West Falls, New York, Raymond F. Parafinczuk began his 35-year career at Ford Motor Company -- Buffalo Stamping Plant as an automation maintenance technician; he has always enjoyed nature, golfing, hunting, fishing and telling stories; and

WHEREAS, Helen Camuza Parafinczuk attended business school in Buffalo, New York, and worked for Grants Department Store; 20 years later, she

pursued her dream of becoming a registered nurse and graduated from Empire State College, working for St. Joseph's Hospital and the University of Buffalo Student Health Center; she has enjoyed golfing, tennis, traveling, Florida and baking Greek cookies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Parafinczuk 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. Raymond F. Parafinczuk 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, spirit and deep religious faith 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. Raymond F. Parafinczuk 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. Raymond F. Parafinczuk upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Parafinczuk.