

## 2015-J2925

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. David J. Hodkinson upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, David J. Hodkinson and Jane L. Ashwood were united in marriage on May 22, 1965 at Holy Family Church, and reside in Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. David J. Hodkinson celebrated their Golden Anniversary with a surprise party given by their children on May 22, 2015, at the Savory Downtown in Watertown, where the couple celebrated their wedding reception in 1965; and

WHEREAS, David Hodkinson served in the U.S. Army and Navy Reserves for 20 years and is retired from International Paper Company after 40 years; and

WHEREAS, He is a member of the Brownville American Legion Post 588 and the Watertown Elks Club; and

WHEREAS, Jane Hodkinson is a graduate of the House of Good Samaritan School of Nursing where she worked for 20 years; she is retired from the Watertown City School District; and

WHEREAS, She is a member of the HGS Alumnae Association, Samaritan Loyals, the Red Hat Society, American Legion Post 61, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 1400; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. David J. Hodkinson are the proud parents of daughter, Jill, and son, Michael, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. David J. Hodkinson 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. David J. Hodkinson 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. David J. Hodkinson 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. David J. Hodkinson upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. David J. Hodkinson.