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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Blackford III upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Edward Blackford and Patricia Jones were united in marriage on November 14, 1965, at the Church of the Nazarene in Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Blackford III are the proud parents of one son, Edward IV, and a daughter, RaeAnn, and the loving grandparents of four grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Blackford III 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. Edward B. Blackford III 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. Edward B. Blackford III 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. Edward B. Blackford III upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Blackford III.