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Senate Resolution No. 181

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Patnode upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Patnode and JoAnn Hoffman of Carthage, New York, were united in marriage on April 16, 1966, at St. James Catholic Church; the couple celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their family at a dinner held in their honor on April 16, 2016, at Belva's Sahara Restaurant in Carthage; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Patnode is a graduate of Canton ATI and was employed at St. Regis Paper Company as a computer programmer for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, JoAnn Patnode is a graduate of Jefferson Community College and was a registered nurse for County Manor Rehabilitation Center until 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Patnode are the proud parents of three children, Jeffery, Lisa and the late Lee Thomas, and the loving grandparents of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Patnode 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. Thomas W. Patnode 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. Thomas W. Patnode 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. Thomas W. Patnode 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. Thomas W. Patnode.