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Senate Resolution No. 184

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Branche upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Lawrence Branche and Kathleen Lynch were united in marriage on May 28, 1966, at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, They celebrated their Golden Anniversary with their family at the Evans Mills Fire Hall, and also enjoyed a 21-day cruise; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Branche served his country as a member of the United States Army, 479th Engineers, Company A, for six years; and

WHEREAS, He worked as a carpenter and was a 31-year member of Local 278 Carpenters and Joiners; he is also a lifelong member of American Legion Post 588, Brownville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Branche was a floor secretary at the House of the Good Samaritan and Samaritan Keep Home in Watertown for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, She is a lifelong member of American Legion Auxiliary Post 583 in Dexter, New York, and is active with the Samaritan Loyals, the Association for the Blind and AARP Chapter 346; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Branche are the proud parents of two daughters, Michelle and Lori, and the loving grandparents of five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Branche 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. Lawrence Branche 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. Lawrence Branche 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. Lawrence Branche 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. Lawrence Branche.