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Senate Resolution No. 3174

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. John Fergen upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those flourishing marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as a paradigm for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John Fergen upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary; the couple celebrated this momentous occasion with a vow renewal officiated by Bishop Edward Grosz and a family dinner at Russell's Steaks, Chops & More, Lancaster, New York; and

WHEREAS, John Fergen and the former Carol Golanka were united in marriage on September 23, 1967, at St. John de LaSalle Roman Catholic Church in Niagara Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of three children and the loving grandparents of three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, John Fergen retired from Occidental Chemical in Niagara Falls and from the Air National Guard; Carol retired from the Grand Island School District, where she worked in accounts payable and was the

secretary to the director of buildings and grounds maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. John Fergen are and always have been a tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their family; and

WHEREAS, Their devotion, caring, sensitivity and responsiveness to their family, friends and all who know them are their hallmark and tradition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. John Fergen 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 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. John Fergen 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 practice 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. John Fergen 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. John Fergen.