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Senate Resolution No. 3260

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Smits upon  
the occasion of celebrating their 74th 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. Cornelius Smits upon the occasion of their 74th Wedding  
Anniversary; the couple celebrated this momentous occasion with a family  
dinner at their residence at Orchard Heights; and

WHEREAS, Cornelius Smits and the former Myra Schottke were united in  
marriage on November 30, 1943, at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in  
Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of three children, and the  
loving grandparents of six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Cornelius Smits retired as a postal clerk for the United  
States Postal Service in Buffalo; Myra Smits served as an assistant to  
the head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University at  
Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Smits 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. Cornelius Smits 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. Cornelius Smits 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. Cornelius Smits upon the occasion of  
celebrating their 74th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be  
transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Smits.