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Senate Resolution No. 5331

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hodkinson upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Robert J. Hodkinson and Janet S. Longamore were united in marriage on May 9, 1953, at Holy Family Church in Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Hodkinson served with the U.S. Army 45th Infantry Division in the Korean War and received several medals, including the Purple Heart and the Korean Service Medal with two stars; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Hodkinson was employed as a sales representative for W.H. Bisnett for 26 years and also worked for Hyde Plumbing Supply and for the Air Force Exchange Service, retiring in 1990; and

WHEREAS, He is a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Korean War Veterans Association, and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Janet S. Hodkinson was employed at the Fort Drum Army and Air Force Exchange Service; she also worked for the Black River Garden Center as a secretary and bookkeeper, and for the Watertown City School District, retiring in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Janet S. Hodkinson is a member of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the National Disabled Veterans Association, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hodkinson 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. Robert J. Hodkinson 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. Robert J. Hodkinson 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. Robert J. Hodkinson upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hodkinson.