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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Orin and Sandra VanEss upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Orin VanEss and Sandra Monette were united in marriage on August 22,1959 at Notre Dame Church in Malone, New York, by the Reverend Joseph Gagnier; and WHEREAS, The couple celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary surrounded by their family and friends at a picnic held on Sunday, August 9, 2009; and WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of Donna and Michael Ahrens and Ronald VanEss; they also have three grandchildren, Joelyn, Joshua and Adam: and WHEREAS, Orin and Sandra VanEss 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, Both Orin and Sandra VanEss are retired, Orin from Yando's Big M and Meacham Lake campground, and Sandra from the Malone dress factory and Franklin County Nursing Home; and WHEREAS. Orin and Sandra VanEss 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 a result of the love, hard work and spirit that 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, Orin and Sandra VanEss 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 Orin and Sandra VanEss upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Orin and Sandra VanEss.