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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. T. Siafa Sherman upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, T. Siafa Sherman and the former Julia Williams were united in marriage on December 28, 1958; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, Mr. and Mrs. T. Siafa Sherman served as diplomats in Addis Abba, Ethiopia, and they later moved to Lagos, Nigeria, and then to Queens, New York, where Mr. Sherman was assigned to the Liberian Permanent Mission to the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, The Shermans were subsequently assigned to Conakry, Guinea West Africa, where Mr. Sherman was assigned as Ambassador of Liberia; the family soon returned to Monrovia where Mr. Sherman worked as Deputy Foreign Minister; and

WHEREAS, At this point, Julia Sherman decided to complete her education at the University of Liberia and start a career in education; she subsequently pursued graduate studies at Columbia University in New York and returned to Liberia to work in various capacities with the Ministry of Education and the United Nations Development Program; and

WHEREAS, During the Liberian conflict, the Shermans left Liberia and moved back to the United States; they were able to resume their lives and settle in Brooklyn, where they have lived for the past 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. T. Siafa Sherman are the proud parents of T. Siafa, Jr., Julia, and the late Famatta; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. T. Siafa Sherman 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. T. Siafa Sherman 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, 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. T. Siafa Sherman 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. T. Siafa Sherman upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. T. Siafa Sherman.