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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Raffaele Esposito upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Raffaele and Gaetana A. Esposito were united in marriage on July 11, 1948, at St. Catherine of Genoa Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The couple celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a family dinner held in their honor at the White Whale in Seaford, New York; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of four daughters, and the loving grandparents of four grandsons and four great-grandchildren; and WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Raffaele Esposito 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, Raffaele Esposito is the former Vice President of John Esposito Memorial Company in Pinelawn; he is a World War II veteran who served his country as a United States Navy Seabee in the South Pacific and took part in the campaign to liberate the Philippines; Gaetana Esposito is a homemaker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Raffaele Esposito 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. Raffaele Esposito 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. Raffaele Esposito upon the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Raffaele Esposito, 3937 Ralph Street South, Seaford, New York 11783.