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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Harbauer upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Rudolf and Lois Harbauer were united in marriage on December 7, 1958, at Our Holy Redeemer Church in Freeport, New York; they observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 7, 2008; and WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of two children, and have two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Born in Czechoslovakia and relocating to Germany after World War II, Rudolf Harbauer earned a degree in European landscape architecture before emigrating to the United States; he was head of landscape design at Atlantic Nursery in Freeport, New York, until he retired in 1994; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Rudolf Harbauer established the Windham Mountain Ski Patrol and was active in the organization for 45 years; he is an avid sailor and has raced 31 consecutive times in the Around Long Island Regatta; and

WHEREAS, Lois Harbauer was a bookkeeper with Mister Marine in Freeport, New York, prior to her retirement in 1985; she volunteers at Our Holy Redeemer Church's Social Ministries as an advocate for people in need; and

WHEREAS, Rudolf and Lois Harbauer continue to ski together and enjoy their active life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Harbauer 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. Rudolf Harbauer 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. Rudolf Harbauer 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. Rudolf Harbauer 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. Rudolf Harbauer, Freeport, New York.