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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Barthel upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to celebrate impressive milestones achieved by couples who reside within this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Barthel upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, January 25, 2011; in 1941, the couple was married in The Little Church Around the Corner, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Knowing each other almost all of their lives, 93 year-old Alvin and 95 year-old Ruthene grew up together in Upstate New York and have been side by side through all of their lives' endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Barthel enlisted in the United States military during World War II; near the end of the war, he was sent to Japan as part of the occupation; at the same time, Ruthene was also doing her part as an American; she joined the workforce and was proud to be a part of the Rosie the Riveters generation; and

WHEREAS, The following year, Alvin, who was still in Japan, sent for his bride; Ruthene excitedly packed up the house in Merrick and went to join him; the Barthels lived abroad for 18 months, experiencing the joy of the birth of their only child, their wonderful daughter, Nancy Jo; and

WHEREAS, Alvin and Ruthene Barthel then returned to Merrick, New York, to the comfort of their friends and family members to raise their daughter and enjoy their life together; Alvin established his own business and Ruthene devotedly served as his secretary; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Barthel, affectionately known as Bart, and his devoted wife, Ruthene Barthel, lovingly known as Tot, are pillars in their community; they have been instrumental in creating and cultivating several Kiwanis events as well as other occasions within the community of Merrick, their happy home, for almost three quarters of a century; and

WHEREAS, Alvin and Ruthene Barthel 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, Alvin and Ruthene Barthel 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, Alvin and Ruthene Barthel 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. Alvin Barthel upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Barthel, Merrick, New York.