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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Downey upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Ralph A. Downey and Dawn Sanger were united in marriage on November 26, 1960, at the Plattsburgh Church of the Nazarene, Plattsburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of Shelby and Kevin Trombley, Sheila and Robert Baker, Sherri Gonyea and Mike Schnare, Peter and Tina Downey, and Travis and Michelle Downey and have 12 grandchildren, Christopher, Matthew, Jenny, Danielle, Chad, Jeremy, James, Scott, Ryan, Kristy, Tianna and Ashleigh, and six great-grandchildren, Elaina, Kian, Dominic, Makayla, Savannah and Abigail; and

WHEREAS, On November 26, 2010, Ralph and Dawn Downey joyously celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary surrounded by family and friends, including Ralph's 93 year old mother, at a surprise outdoor party hosted by their children at the home of their daughter Sherri and her husband Mike; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Downey was employed at Bouyea Bakery and retired from Brush Tech, Inc.; Dawn Downey worked at Gus' Red Hots and retired from Arnie's Restaurant after 30 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Since retiring, Ralph and Dawn Downey happily spend their summers in Plattsburgh and their winters in Lakeland, Florida, where they volunteer at the Family Worship Center; and

WHEREAS, Ralph and Dawn Downey 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, Ralph and Dawn Downey 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, Ralph and Dawn Downey 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. Ralph A. Downey 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. Ralph A. Downey.