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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knapp upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Fanny Barker and Charles Knapp were united in marriage on August 23, 1947, at the First Presbyterian Church in Fulton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Knapp met in 1942, at the State Theatre in Fulton where Charles was head usher and Fanny was a Girl Scout selling Defense Stamps in the lobby; and

WHEREAS, Charles Knapp graduated from high school in 1943; that same year, he joined the United States Navy, initially training as an electrician, and then later working in construction; and

WHEREAS, Fanny Knapp graduated from high school in 1945, and was employed as a telephone operator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Knapp became engaged on Fanny's 18th birthday; in 1955, the couple purchased the Neahtahwanta Farm in Granby, New York, where they raised horses and beef cattle; and

WHEREAS, Charles Knapp started his own electrical business in 1959, while Fanny Knapp began driving school buses, an occupation she continued for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Charles Knapp was a member of the Media Shrine Horse Patrol and has been an active member of the Masonic order for 50 years, holding the York Cross of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Fanny Knapp is a longtime member of Eastern Star and a past queen of the Daughters of the Nile; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are the proud parents of four sons, Lance, Loren, Mark and Bruce, and the loving grandparents of nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Knapp 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. Charles Knapp 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, They have passed these same values 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. Charles Knapp 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. Charles Knapp upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knapp.