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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Carter upon the occasion of celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Richard Carter and Joan Russell were united in marriage on August 22, 1959, at the United Methodist Church in Depauville, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Clayton Central School in 1954, Richard Carter also graduated from the Hampton School in New Hampshire in 1955, and St. Lawrence University in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Carter received several National Science Foundation grants for mathematics studies, and completed post-graduate work at Clarkson University, State University of New York at Oswego and Potsdam, Hamilton College and Rochester University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Carter was a mathematics instructor for 35 years, and the Vice-President of the Irondequoit Teachers Association for 20 years; he was also a former treasurer of the Northern New York Agricultural Society and trustee of the Depauville United Methodist Church; currently, he is a Mason and a member of the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, Joan Carter graduated from LaFargeville Central School in 1958, and from Central City Business Institute in Syracuse, where she majored in business administration; and

WHEREAS, Joan Carter worked for Carl Fry's Farm Implement Business, as a buyer for McCurdy's Department Store, and operated the Whippoorwill Gift Shop from 1994-2001; and

WHEREAS, Joan Carter was the financial secretary and a trustee for the Depauville United Methodist Church, as well as a trustee of the Stone Mills Agricultural Museum, and a member of the Eastern Star; and WHEREAS, Mr. Richard and Joan Carter operated the Driftwood Restaurant from 1970-1975, and are active members of the First Presbyterian Church in Haines City, Florida, where they spend the winter months; and WHEREAS, Mr. Richard and Joan Carter are the proud parents of two children, Sherry and Ethan; and

WHEREAS, They 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. Richard and Joan Carter 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. Richard and Joan Carter 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. Richard Carter upon the occasion of celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter.