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

WHEREAS, Dale Watkins and Marie Nowicki were united in marriage on June 27, 1964, at St. Mary's Church; and

WHEREAS, Dale Watkins pursued his undergraduate degree at State Teachers College in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, completing his graduate work at Syracuse University and Elmira College, and earning his master's degree from SUNY Potsdam and his administration certificate from St. Lawrence University; and

WHEREAS, Dale Watkins was employed as a building principal and district administrator of the Gouverneur and Indian River Central School Districts, as well as an adjunct professor for Potsdam student teachers; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dale Watkins is a past president of the Philadelphia Civic League and the Indian River Kiwanis Club, a board member of the Philadelphia Historical Society and the Childs Falls Cemetery Board, and has been active in choral groups and community theater productions, and taught safe driving classes for AARP; and

WHEREAS, Marie Watkins attended Geneseo State Teachers College, completing her master's degree at SUNY Potsdam; and

WHEREAS, Marie Watkins is a past president of the Jefferson County American Association of University Women, and an active church member, as well as active with the Philadelphia Red Hatters and the Philadelphia Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Watkins began their professional education careers as teachers for the Corning-Painted Post Schools, and retired with a combined 75 years in service to public education; and

WHEREAS, In their retirement, they have been active in their church, as election poll inspectors, past docents for the Thompson Park Conservancy New York State Zoo, and enjoy gardening, traveling and spending time with their daughter, Amy, son-in-law Colonel Timothy Lunderman, and their two granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Watkins 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. Dale Watkins 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. Dale Watkins 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. Dale Watkins upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

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