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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Richard and Cornelia Dopkins upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Richard Harry Dopkins and Cornelia Clarke Lewis were united in marriage on April 23, 1965, in East Aurora, New York; the couple had their ceremony performed by the bride's father, Reverend Burdette Gibson Lewis; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of Anne Elizabeth Dopkins, Dr. Jane Dopkins Broecker, and Seth Dopkins, and the loving grandparents of Ellery, Eliza, Lewis, Owen, and Graham; and

WHEREAS, Richard Dopkins is a lifelong resident of Buffalo, New York, and Senior Counsel with the law firm of Hodgson Russ who has faithfully represented many Western New York family-owned businesses along with public entities including the City of Buffalo with unyielding integrity; and

WHEREAS, Cornelia Lewis Dopkins is a retired educator who has devoted her adult life to education in Western New York at the Buffalo Seminary and the Nichols School for twenty-five years in a variety of roles including Dean of the Faculty and Head of the Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Richard and Cornelia Dopkins have always remained active in advancing cultural organizations in Buffalo such as the Buffalo Museum of Science, Erie County Botanical Gardens, Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Western New York, Larkin Center, and Westminster Presbyterian Church; 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, Richard and Cornelia Dopkins 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, Richard and Cornelia Dopkins 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 Richard and Cornelia Dopkins 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 Richard and Cornelia Dopkins.