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

WHEREAS, Ellen and Gerald Sullivan were united in marriage on May 29, 1965, at St. Joseph's Church in Astoria, New York; the couple will celebrate this momentous occasion by renewing their vows at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, June 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of eight children, Helen, Teresa, Kevin, Laura, Brendan, Marian, Reverend Paul, and Stephen, and have 22 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sullivan 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, Ellen Biggins Sullivan was born in Mayo, Ireland and immigrated to the United States in 1958; Gerald attended Baruch College and was a Corporal in the Korean War serving as a Medic at Walter Reed Army Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, The loving couple met at a dance in Manhattan in 1963, and have lived in Monroe since 1970 where they raised their family; Ellen worked for Seaman's Bank until she retired to raise her children, and Gerald is retired from the New York State Supreme Court where he was a Senior Court Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sullivan 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, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sullivan 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. Gerald Sullivan 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. Gerald Sullivan.