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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Purtell upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 5, 2016

WHEREAS, Joseph and Jutta Purtell were united in marriage on February 5, 1966, at St. Peter and Paul Church in Bronx, New York; Vincent Purtell served as Best Man, and Theresa Purtell as Maid of Honor; Luise Biskup, Heidi Biskup, Rose Macom, and Patty Poehner were Flower Girls, and Anton Poehner escorted his sister, Jutta, during the wedding; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of eight loving children, Bryan, Michael, Christine, William, Kimberly, Heide, Shawn, and AnnaMarie, and the loving grandparents of 16 wonderful grandchildren, Brandon, Hans, Emily, Colin, Emma, Lucas, Bridget, Jacob, Cooper, Michael, Tucker, Abigail, Liam, Jackson, Madeline, and Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Purtell are and always have been a tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their family; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Purtell proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps for two years, and served in the United States Air Force for 24 years; he was also a Finance and Accounting Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Jutta Purtell taught as a Kindergarten Assistant at Northside Elementary School, and opened Mrs. Tell's Daycare; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed couple have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; they are both active members and Eucharistic Ministers at St. Augustine's Parish, and volunteer with many organizations and programs, including the Knights of Columbus, Ecumenical Choir Concerts, Crafters for Charity, and St.

Vincent De Paul Thrift Store; 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. Joseph Purtell 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, 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. Joseph Purtell 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. Joseph Purtell.