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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Ismay and James Hawkins were united in marriage on March 2, 1951; the couple celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary with a lovely dinner; and

WHEREAS, James Hawkins proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II and is retired from the New York City Transit Authority; Ismay Hawkins retired from Farmingdale State College; and

WHEREAS, For many years, James Hawkins was an avid fisherman and could be seen casting his fishing pole from the shores of the Captree boat basin; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Freeport, New York, they are the proud parents of three children, and the loving grandparents of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins 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. James Hawkins 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. James Hawkins 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. James Hawkins upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

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