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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Spink upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Nation and Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Spink upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Spink were married at Victory Center, in Chicago, Illinois, on March 2, 1946; the couple are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary with a party held in their honor, surrounded by family and friends, on Saturday, May 28, 2016, at the Premier Banquet Center in Olean, New York; and

WHEREAS, Barbara was born in Buffalo, New York, but lived in Castile and Stephen was raised in Rochester, New York; the couple first met as teens at a church camp; and

WHEREAS, Both Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Spink graduated high school; Stephen enlisted in the United States Navy and was sent to Sampson Naval Base on Seneca Lake, where he contracted Scarlett Fever and spent three weeks recovering in the hospital; this was where his passion for medicine began and he was able to observe the workings of a hospital, which sparked his interest; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Spink attended the Radio and Phone school in Kansas City, Missouri; following her training, she worked for the Pennsylvania Airlines in Detroit, Michigan; Stephen caught a train to visit her while on leave and he proposed to her at the railroad station; shortly after they were married; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Spink completed his military service and the couple moved to Denton, Texas, where he began coursework at North Texas State for a medical career; later on, he would transfer to the University of Buffalo and complete his undergraduate and medical degrees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Spink are the proud parents of 12 children, Paul, Doris, Steven, Katherine, Marion, Janet, Kenneth, David, Helen, Jonathan, Esther and Sharon, and the loving grandparents of more than 50 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, This loving couple has called Belfast, New York, their home since 1959; Dr. Stephen Spink was beloved amongst all of his patients through spending many hours at the hospital or making personal house calls and deliveries; Barbara was always by his side, assisting him in the office and raising their children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen Spink served as the school doctor and selflessly served on the school board; Barbara Spink was extremely dedicated to her community by providing her time and talent as an organist for the First Baptist Church in Belfast; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Spink always made time to travel the world together and attend live events, bringing them joy and happiness; and

WHEREAS, This beloved couple has experienced the incredible joys characteristic of those with the dedication and devotion to savor a full life together; their marriage has inspired the lives of many friends and family members; and

WHEREAS, What Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Spink are celebrating is truly unique and special with the secret of always supporting one another and believing that through thick and thin their unshakable faith, perseverance, and family have kept them strong; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor the lives of beloved citizens who have reached a remarkable milestone and who have witnessed and celebrated the innovations,

cultural developments, and awesome achievements of this country during the last century; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Spink upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Spink.