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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walton upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Thomas and Arlene Walton were united in marriage on June 2, 1956, at St. Francis of Assisi Church with a reception at Big Tree Fire Hall; they then honeymooned in Canada; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of four children, James, Richard, Cheryl and Donna, and the loving grandparents of seven grandchildren, Dawn, Mark, Gabrielle, John, Jessica, Christine and Mark; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walton 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, Thomas Walton served his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1953-1956 on the USS Van Valkenburgh Destroyer; Arlene Walton was a secretary for a lawyer in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Walton is a member of the Hamburg Rod and Gun Club and enjoys hunting; Arlene Walton is a member of the Hamburg Historical Society and the Hamburg Antiques Study Group; she also enjoys gardening and antiquing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walton 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. Thomas Walton 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. Thomas Walton upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

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