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Senate Resolution No. 168

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Potter upon  
the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding  
Anniversary

WHEREAS, Harry E. Potter and Sharon Gassman of Watertown, New York,  
were united in marriage on September 8, 1956, at the First Presbyterian  
Church in Attica; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Potter moved to Watertown when Harry  
was appointed District Soil Conservationist for Jefferson County, a  
position he held until his retirement in 1982; and

WHEREAS, During his retirement, Harry E. Potter has been active with  
several agriculture related committees in Jefferson County, and has been  
involved with the Town of Pamela Planning Board for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Potter are the proud parents of three  
children, Jeffrey, Jon and Ellen, and the loving grandparents of six  
grandchildren and one great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, After raising their children, Sharon Potter was employed at  
various law firms within the Watertown area and has served as a  
part-time secretary for the Dexter/Brownville United Methodist Church  
for 37 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Potter also raised sheep for nearly 50 years, and graciously hosted many school field trips; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Potter 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. Harry E. Potter 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 that this couple has invested in their marriage; and

WHEREAS, They have passed these same values 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. Harry E. Potter 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. Harry E. Potter 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. Harry E. Potter.