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Senate Resolution No. 1531

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Thornton
upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding
Anniversary

WHEREAS, Donald Thornton and Ruth Layton were united in marriage on
March 30, 1952, in Holy Family Church in Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Donald J. Thornton served his country as a member of the
United States Navy from 1950 to 1954; upon his return from his military
service, he worked at Carl's Auto and at the Fort Drum Equipment
Concentration Site, retiring in 1989; and

WHEREAS, He is also retired from the 332nd Ordinance Battalion Army
Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Thornton is a retired employee of Wise Dress Shop,
J.J. Newberry Co., and Howland's Department Store; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Thornton are the proud parents of
two children, Linda and Kevin, and the loving grandparents of two
grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Thornton 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. Donald J. Thornton 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. Donald J. Thornton 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. Donald J. Thornton 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. Donald J. Thornton.