

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Derouin upon the occasion of celebrating their 67th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Chester Derouin and Ethelyn Spicer were united in marriage on March 6, 1946, at the home of the Reverend Hale F. Thornberry, then pastor of First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Derouin are the proud parents of three children, Lawrence, Juanita and Christine, as well as the loving grandparents of seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Derouin 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, Chester Derouin worked at Garland City Auto Parts for 46 years until the store was purchased in 1989 by Napa Auto Part, where he then worked part-time until retiring in 1995; he enjoys playing the organ and the keyboard; and

WHEREAS, Ethelyn Derouin devoted herself to making a loving home for her family; she enjoys reading and puzzles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Derouin also managed the Watertown Roller Rink from 1976 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Derouin 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. Chester Derouin 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. Chester Derouin upon the occasion of celebrating their 67th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Derouin.