

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Kelly upon the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Stella Mech and Hilton Kelly were united in marriage on October 30, 1948; they are the proud parents of two children, Linda (James) and Lynn (Donna); and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Kelly will celebrate this momentous occasion at an anniversary party held in their honor on Sunday, October 27, 2013, at the Stamford Golf Clubhouse; and

WHEREAS, Hilton Kelly grew up on his parents' farm in the Red Kill Valley outside of Fleischmanns, New York; Stella Mech, although born in New York City, was also raised on her parents' farm and boarding house just over the hill from Red Kill Valley; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 1945, Hilton Kelly was summoned for occupation duty in Germany; when he returned from his service in the Army, he was introduced to Stella at a party in Halcott, New York, and one year later, the couple was married; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Stella became a rural mail carrier in Fleischmanns, New York, a career she had for 43 years; and

WHEREAS, For Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Kelly, family and music are the heights and highlights of their lifetime together; and

WHEREAS, In 1930, at just five years old, Hilton was given a fiddle by his father, the late Carson Kelly; he would go on to play as a third generation fiddler, alongside his wife on piano, for decades to come as Hilton Kelly and the Sidekicks; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 1994, the Roxbury Arts group dedicated their performance center as "Hilt Kelly Hall," and in 1997, he was inducted into the New York State Old Tyme Fiddlers Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Kelly 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. Hilton Kelly lived for 49 years, in a house they built; they loved the community, neighbors, friends, and the country living that went along with life in Bedell, New York; today, the loving couple resides together at Robinson Terrace Assisted Living in Stamford, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Kelly 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. Hilton Kelly are the loving grandparents of five grandchildren: Kelly (Patrice), Veronica (Noah), Nicholas (Laura), Heather (Chad), and the late Bryan, and three great-grandchildren: Eric, Alana, and Bryan Charles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Kelly 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 mile-

stone 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. Hilton Kelly upon the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Kelly.