LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bent upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Dean J. Bent and Marcia Bachman were united in marriage on October 23, 1965, at the Naumburg United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bent reside in Carthage, New York, and celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a family dinner held in their honor; and

WHEREAS, Dean Bent was honorably discharged from both the New York and New Jersey Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, he retired from the Army National Guard at Fort Drum, and thereafter retired from the Carthage Federal Savings and Loan in 2013; currently, he is employed as a driver for Gary's Flower Shop; and

WHEREAS, Dean Bent is a life member and past commander of the Bassett-Baxter Legion Post 789, and a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1762; and

WHEREAS, Marcia Bent retired in 2008 from the Town of Wilna Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, She is a member of the Carthage American Legion Auxiliary and the Carthage Area Hospital Auxiliary where she volunteers in the gift shop; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bent are the proud parents of two children, Lynne and Jeffrey, and the loving grandparents of four grandsons and one granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bent 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. Dean Bent 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. Dean Bent 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. Dean Bent upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

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