

Senate Resolution No. 163

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benedetto upon the occasion of celebrating their 67th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Fred Benedetto and Katherine Scordo were married on September 17, 1949, at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown, New York, celebrating 67 years of marriage on September 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Fred Benedetto served his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1944 until 1946; and

WHEREAS, He was employed as a journeyman toolmaker for New York Air Brake and was a former Director and Labor Representative of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District 137; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Benedetto was employed by the New York Telephone Company until 1983 and is a former President of the Telephone Traffic Union, Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, In their retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benedetto enjoy traveling and gardening; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benedetto 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. Fred Benedetto 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. Fred Benedetto 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. Fred Benedetto 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. Fred Benedetto.