BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. White upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Douglas A. White and Evelyn Holmes were united in marriage on August 25, 1946 in Lisbon, New York; and

WHEREAS, Douglas A. White served his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1942 until 1946; and

WHEREAS, He operated a dairy farm until 1979 and then worked as a school bus driver for the Heuvelton Central School District until 1996; and

WHEREAS, In addition to raising a family and assisting on the family farm, Evelyn White was employed as a Registered Nurse at the A. Barton Hepburn Hospital in the dialysis unit from 1970 until 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. White are avid sports fans and supporters of the Heuvelton Central School sports teams as well as the Syracuse University Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. White are the proud parents of four children, Philip Sr., Gail, Gary, and the late Thomas, and the loving grandparents of nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, They 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. Douglas A. White 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. Douglas A. White 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. Douglas A. White upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. White.