

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Barkley, Sr.
upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding
Anniversary

WHEREAS, Norman L. Barkley, Sr. and Molly Jane Durant of Carthage, New York, were united in marriage on July 2, 1966, at the First Methodist Church in Carthage; the couple celebrated their Golden Anniversary with a party held in their honor at the Carthage Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7227 on July 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Barkley, Sr. are the proud parents of three children, Naura, Norman J. and Nik, and the loving grandparents of five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Barkley, Sr. 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. Norman L. Barkley, Sr. 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. Norman L. Barkley, Sr. 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. Norman L. Barkley, Sr. 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. Norman L. Barkley, Sr.