BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Henderson upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Henry J. Henderson and Janice Kesler were united in marriage on June 9, 1956, at the Free Methodist Church in Watertown, New York; the couple celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a South Caribbean Cruise; and

WHEREAS, Henry J. Henderson served his country as a member of both the United States Army and the Army Reserve until 1966 with the 332 Ordinance Battalion, attaining the rank of Sergeant Major; and

WHEREAS, Henry J. Henderson worked for several area schools in administrative positions, including as a teacher at LaFargeville Junior High School for 10 years, and as Superintendent of LaFargeville Central School for 24 years, retiring in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Janice Henderson was employed at Samaritan Medical Center, at WWNY TV-7 and at the Carpenters Union; she was also a Ward Secretary at Mercy Hospital for 22 years, retiring in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Henderson are active with the Life Church of the Nazarene in Watertown, and have participated in mission work both abroad and in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Henderson are the proud parents of one daughter, Pamela, and the loving grandparents of three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Henderson 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. Henry J. Henderson 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. Henry J. Henderson 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. Henry J. Henderson upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Henderson.