

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Russell upon
the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding
Anniversary

WHEREAS, Edmund Russell and Kathleen Mahoney were united in marriage on July 2, 1966, at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church in the Bronx; they celebrated their Golden Anniversary with a party held in their honor, hosted by their children, on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at their beach house in Spring Lake, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Edmund Russell graduated from Hunter College in New York City before earning his master's degree from Cornell University; he retired from the St. Lawrence Industrial Development Agency, where he served as the Executive Director; in addition, he was the Assistant Professor of History at St. Lawrence University in Canton; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Russell is also a graduate of Hunter College and earned her master's degree from SUNY Potsdam; she is both a retired social worker for St. Lawrence County and a school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Russell are the proud parents of two children, Edmund J., III and Judith, and the loving grandparents of five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Russell 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. Edmund Russell 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. Edmund Russell 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. Edmund Russell 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. Edmund Russell.