

Senate Resolution No. 740

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Clifford and Martha Upright for more than 50 years of steadfast and unwavering dedication to the Mountain View United Methodist Church of Walker Valley, New York

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Clifford and Martha Upright for more than 50 years of steadfast and unwavering dedication to the Mountain View United Methodist Church of Walker Valley, New York; this momentous occasion was celebrated with a Service in their honor led by Reverend Robb Hewitt on Sunday, January 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Clifford and Martha Upright, affectionately known as Cliff and Marty, have given tirelessly of their time and energies to Mountain View United Methodist Church for more than five decades; true stewards of the Church, the couple has been an intricate part of its operation for as long as anyone can remember; and

WHEREAS, Marty Upright has played the organ for more than 40 years, leading parishioners in musical worship Sunday after Sunday, holiday after holiday, rarely missing a service; known for her beautiful voice, she also served as choir director; and

WHEREAS, With an incredible devotion and dedication to Mountain View United Methodist Church, Cliff Upright has sincerely been the glue that holds the church together, checking its systems daily to ensure all is functioning properly; he also spent many years as a Sunday school teacher, Lay Leader, and head of religious education; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Upright is also retiring from the Church's board of trustees after 44 years of dedicated service; he began as a member in 1972, and was voted in as the chairman in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Cliff and Marty Upright treated Mountain View United Methodist Church as if it were their home, and its parishioners as family; they decorated the church for Christmas each year, and attended all church picnics and functions; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their three sons, David, Mark and Kevin, and seven grandchildren, Tiffany, Troy, Jordyn, Matthew,

Sydney, Jacob and Emma, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Cliff and Marty Upright have personified the spirit of voluntarism, demonstrating a gift for leadership, a devotion to family, a commitment to their church, and a determination to make their community a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Cliff and Marty Upright, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Clifford and Martha Upright for more than 50 years of steadfast and unwavering dedication to the Mountain View United Methodist Church of Walker Valley, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Clifford and Martha Upright.