

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeMatteo upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes great pleasure in paying tribute to flourishing marriages that have stood the test of time and serve as a paradigm for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeMatteo upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, to be celebrated with a surprise party in their honor on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Copper City Brewing Company in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Louis DeMatteo and the former Jacqueline Groff were united in marriage on July 3, 1971, in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of two daughters, Valentina (Travis) and Victoria (Edward), and the loving grandparents of four grandchildren, Raegan, Kennedy, Troy and Viviana; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Rome, New York, Louis and Jacqueline DeMatteo both worked at Griffiss Air Force Base, retiring in 1996; the couple now enjoys traveling a number of times a year to visit their beloved grandchildren in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeMatteo are and always have been a tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their family; and

WHEREAS, Their devotion, caring, sensitivity and responsiveness to their family, friends and all who know them are their hallmark and tradition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeMatteo 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 a tremendous amount of love, hard work and spirit this couple has invested in their marriage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeMatteo have passed these same values on to their loved ones, thus 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. Louis DeMatteo 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 practice 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. Louis DeMatteo 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. Louis DeMatteo.