

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**CONGRATULATING** Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Slate Sr.  
upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding  
Anniversary

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

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Slate Sr. upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** The couple's love story began early in life, as they grew up just a quarter of a mile from each other's family farms where they became childhood sweethearts; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph C. Slate Sr. and the former Sandra Hayes were united in marriage on August 27, 1960, at the Sulphur Springs Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS,** In the spring of 1963, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Slate Sr. purchased their farm in Honeyville, New York, which served as the foundation for a very prosperous farming business; throughout their career, they won several awards for outstanding milk production including the 1991 New York State Senate Achievement Award for Super Milk; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to the dairy business, Sandra Slate operated a beauty salon out of a remodeled room in their farmhouse for more than 20 years; and

**WHEREAS,** In their retirement in 2004, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Slate Sr. enjoy a number of hobbies including woodworking, gardening, birdwatching, cooking and baking; above all, they love to spend time with their friends and devoted family; and

**WHEREAS,** They are the proud parents of four children, Cynthia (Fred) Overton, Joseph Jr. (Sharon), Wendy (Joe) Panetta and William; one son-in-law, William Harnas; three daughters-in-law, Darlene Slate, Janet Artus and Denise Quinn; and family farm son, William Farrington; and the loving grandparents of seven grandchildren and seven great-grandsons; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Slate Sr. 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. Joseph C. Slate 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 this couple has invested in their marriage; and

**WHEREAS,** These same values they have passed 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. Joseph C. Slate 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 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. Joseph C. Slate Sr. 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. Joseph C. Slate Sr.