

**BY:** Senator RATH

**CONGRATULATING** Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Craft upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th 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 sense of this Legislative Body to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Craft upon the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary which the couple celebrated with a joyous family gathering; and

**WHEREAS,** Thomas Craft and the former Joan Besser were united in marriage on April 4, 1951, at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Cheektowaga, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** They are the proud parents of three children, and the loving grandparents of four grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Thomas spent his illustrious career as a United States Postmaster, while Joan served her community as a registered nurse, the esteemed positions from which they both retired; and

**WHEREAS,** Thomas and Joan Craft 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. Thomas Craft 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 doing so, 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. Thomas Craft 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. Thomas Craft upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Craft.