

Senate Resolution No. 1929

BY: Senator STEC

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oudekerk upon the occasion of celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary on June 19, 2024

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. Albert Oudekerk upon the occasion of their 75th Wedding Anniversary to be celebrated at the Queensbury Hotel in Queensbury, New York, on Saturday, June 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Albert F. Oudekerk and Eleanor H. Harris were married at Bay Road Presbyterian Church in Queensbury, New York, on June 19, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Albert and Eleanor Oudekerk settled in Queensbury where they raised five children; from this union, the honored couple were blessed with 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Albert and Eleanor Oudekerk relocated their family to Auburn, New York, returning to Eleanor's family home in Queensbury in 1986 where they still reside; and

WHEREAS, Albert and Eleanor Oudekerk enjoy celebrating life events and momentous occasions with their family and friends near and far; and

WHEREAS, Albert enjoys bowling, playing darts, reading, and puttering around the house and on the golf course, and Eleanor's passions are writing, reading, genealogy, gardening, and quilting; and

WHEREAS, Together, they have made numerous memories while traveling around the United States and abroad; they have been active in local community groups, social organizations, and their church; and

WHEREAS, Albert Oudekerk is a World War II United States Army Air Force veteran who served in Guam; he pursued a career in industrial chemical sales for the food industry, valuing long-lasting relationships with numerous customers; as a person who enjoys association with others, he was well-suited to such a vocation; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Oudekerk attended college while raising her family, graduating from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in Consumer Economics and Housing degree in 1975; after obtaining her credentials, she worked as a Research Associate at her alma mater; and

WHEREAS, Albert and Eleanor Oudekerk have been active members of the Queensbury Senior Center (QSC) since their return in the 1980s; both

have volunteered their time and talents and served as board members; in 2009, Eleanor was named QSC's Volunteer of the Year, and Albert was awarded the same title in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her lifetime, Eleanor Oudekerk has been committed to political and community affairs; she has served as Executive Director of a senior residence for women; she was the first employee of the Queensbury Senior Center, and in July of 1988, she was employed as its PT Coordinator, the role she filled until 1992; and

WHEREAS, Albert and Eleanor Oudekerk are, and always have been, a tower of strength, support, understanding, and limitless love for their family and friends; 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, Albert and Eleanor Oudekerk 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 happy marriage; celebrating with Albert and Eleanor Oudekerk are their children, Richard and Sue Oudekerk, Doug Oudekerk and Pam Christensen, Lynne Oudekerk and Dan Harrison, Lori Hinman and Eric Foradori, and Claudia and Bob Shilo; 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, Albert and Eleanor Oudekerk have touched the lives of their family and many friends through the shining example of their marriage, which is a testament to their devotion and admiration for each other; 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. Albert Oudekerk upon the occasion of their 75th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oudekerk.