

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weeden Sr. upon the occasion of their 82nd Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Robert and Alice Weeden were united in marriage on June 15, 1931, in Westtown, New York, the same year that the Empire State Building was completed and the George Washington Bridge was opened; 82 years later, the loving couple regards each day spent together as a celebration; and

WHEREAS, Wed as teens, Robert and Alice Weeden each celebrated their 100th birthday in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Alice Weeden are and always have been a tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their family; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of a daughter, Clara Toffel, and a son, the late Robert Weeden Jr.; they have five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren; 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, Robert and Alice Weeden lived through the Great Depression on the Weeden family farm; by 1940 they had saved enough money to rent a 100-acre farm for themselves; and

WHEREAS, In 1945, Robert and Alice Weeden bought their own 200-acre farm where they milked cows, shucked corn, and grew vegetables; in 1959 they sold the farm and built the house in which they raised their family, and which they still call home today; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of more than eight decades together, this remarkable couple has witnessed and celebrated the innovations, cultural developments and awesome achievements of this country's last century as those changes unfolded in their hometown, watching paved roads replace dirt ones, and subdivisions replace dairy farms; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Alice Weeden 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 that 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, Robert and Alice Weeden 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 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. Robert Weeden upon the occasion of their 82nd Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weeden Sr.