

**BY:** Senator BONACIC

**CONGRATULATING** Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Scites upon  
the occasion of celebrating their 50th 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. Edward L. Scites upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary; the couple plan on celebrating their Golden Anniversary with a party held in their honor with many family members and friends in attendance; and

**WHEREAS,** Edward L. Scites and the former Betty J. Smith were united in marriage on August 18, 1968, by the Reverend Charles R. Fridey at the First Baptist Church in Sussex, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS,** Edward L. Scites proudly served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War; upon the completion of his military service, he moved to New Jersey to find work; and

**WHEREAS,** Not only did Edward L. Scites find work, but also a wife; after two weeks of courting, Edward proposed to Betty; the couple planned to elope, however, their parents insisted on a wedding which was followed by a small gathering; and

**WHEREAS,** They are the proud parents of two children, Tammy and Jeffrey, and the loving grandparents of three grandchildren, Katlin, Sarah and Parker; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Scites 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. Edward L. Scites 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. Edward L. Scites 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. Edward L. Scites 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. Edward L. Scites.