BY: Senator RITCHIE

- **CONGRATULATING** Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dillenbeck upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary
- 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. Richard Dillenbeck upon the occasion of celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary; and
- WHEREAS, Richard Dillenbeck, son of the late Herbert and Elsie Dillenbeck, and the former Mildred Bell, daughter of the late William J. and Ruth Bell, were united in marriage on February 26, 1946, at the United Methodist Church in Ogdensburg, New York; and
- WHEREAS, Reverend Wilbert Hull, uncle of the bride, officiated their marriage, as well as officiated the 1918 wedding of the bride's parents; and
- WHEREAS, A graduate of St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, Richard Dillenbeck worked for Gerber Food Co. for 35 years before retiring in 1986; and
- WHEREAS, Additionally, Richard Dillenbeck proudly served his country as a member of the Army Air Corps during World War II; and
- WHEREAS, Mildred Dillenbeck retired as director of the Remington Art Museum after 20 years of employment; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dillenbeck have been active members of the United Methodist Church for the past 70 years; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dillenbeck 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. Richard Dillenbeck 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 a tremendous amount of love, hard work and spirit this couple has invested in their marriage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dillenbeck have passed these same values on to their loved ones, thus 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. Richard Dillenbeck 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. Richard Dillenbeck 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. Richard Dillenbeck.