

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**CONGRATULATING** Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stone upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th 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. Henry Stone upon the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** This auspicious occasion was celebrated on Saturday, July 10, 2021, with more than 120 family members and friends in attendance: great food, a memory video, and fireworks completed the eventful evening; and

**WHEREAS,** Henry Stone and the former Barbara LaShomb of Norwood, New York, were united in marriage on July 28, 1956, at the Potsdam Methodist Church with the Reverend Brown officiating; members of the wedding party included the late Arlington and Loretta Ploof, Barbara's maternal aunt and uncle; and

**WHEREAS,** They are the proud parents of eight children, Susan (Ron), Steven (Robin), William (Paula), Michael (Belinda), Timothy (Emily), Richard (Sheila), Laura (Michael), and Henry (Michele), and the loving grandparents of 22 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his illustrious career, Henry Stone built thousands of miles of highways across the State of New York; Barbara would often assist her husband as a flag woman on highway construction sites, but the role she most enjoyed is that of a homemaker; and

**WHEREAS,** An avid gardener, Henry Stone enjoys woodworking, hunting, golfing, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends; Barbara loves to read, enjoys canning pickles and hot peppers, and spending time with family; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stone 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. Henry Stone 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. Henry Stone 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. Henry Stone upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

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