

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**CONGRATULATING** Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Sawyer upon  
the occasion of celebrating their 60th 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 custom of this Legislative Body to congratulate  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Sawyer upon the occasion of celebrating their  
60th Wedding Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald Sawyer and the former Kayrena Holl of Watertown, New  
York, were united in marriage on July 16, 1960; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Sawyer continue to oversee Sawyer  
Farms and have been recognized for their contributions and dedication to  
the farming community; and

**WHEREAS,** They received the American Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young  
Farmer and Rancher Award in 1969, and the first Dairy of Distinction  
Award for New York State in 1984, as well as the Distinguished Service  
to Agriculture Award from the Jefferson County Farm Bureau; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Sawyer are the proud parents of four  
children, Thomas, Scott, Mark, and Danielle, and the loving grandparents  
of 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Sawyer are and always have been a  
tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their  
family; 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,** Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Sawyer 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,** 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,** Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Sawyer 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. Donald H. Sawyer upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Sawyer.