

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**CONGRATULATING** Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Perry 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 custom of this Legislative Body to congratulate  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Perry upon the occasion of celebrating their  
50th Wedding Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** Stephen J. Perry and the former Madelyn Smith of Watertown,  
New York, were married on June 27, 1970, at St. Stephen's Episcopal  
Church in Niagara Falls, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Stephen J. Perry and Madelyn Perry are both retired  
educators from the General Brown High School in Dexter, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Perry 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. Stephen J. Perry 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. Stephen J. Perry 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. Stephen J. Perry 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. Stephen J. Perry.