

**BY:** Senator AKSHAR

**CONGRATULATING** Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Sprague  
upon the occasion of celebrating their 77th 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. William Howard Sprague upon the occasion of their 77th Wedding Anniversary to be celebrated October 27, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** William Howard Sprague and the former Josephine Rozelle were united in marriage on October 27, 1945; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Sprague are and always have been a tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their family; and

**WHEREAS,** A testament to their strength and good fortune, William and Josephine will both be celebrating their 100th birthdays, a truly momentous occasion, this same year as their 77th Wedding Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** William and Josephine Sprague have had the privilege to enrich their marriage through travel, revisiting the nation of Luxembourg in 1985, and then backpacking through much of Europe; and

**WHEREAS,** Prior to moving into the Veterans Home in Oxford, New York, William and Josephine Sprague resided in the senior housing facilities in Whitney Point, New York; 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. William Howard Sprague 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. William Howard Sprague 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. William Howard Sprague upon the occasion of celebrating their 77th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Sprague.