

Senate Resolution No. 1095

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Arthur and Phyllis Ellis upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th 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 Arthur and Phyllis Ellis upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, October 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, On October 19, 1974, high school sweethearts, Arthur Ellis and Phyllis Dontino, were married at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Utica, New York; the couple were blessed with two children, Anthony and Maria; and

WHEREAS, Both raised in Utica, Arthur (Artie) Ellis is a graduate of Proctor High School, and Phyllis (Dontino) Ellis is a graduate of St. Francis De Sales High School; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, after 30 years of distinguished service as a Trooper with the New York State Police, Arthur Ellis retired as a result of health-related issues from his service at Ground Zero in New York City, following the 9/11 terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, After 40 years of distinguished service to the Oneida County Health Department, Phyllis Ellis retired in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Arthur and Phyllis Ellis enjoyed the growth of their family, welcoming grandchildren, Jackson and Ariana; and

WHEREAS, The love, devotion, and caring Arthur and Phyllis Ellis have shown to their family, friends, and all who know them are their hallmark and tradition; this meaningful occasion is the result of the love, hard work, and spirit they have invested in their happy marriage; and

WHEREAS, Arthur and Phyllis Ellis have touched the lives of their family and many friends through the shining example of their marriage which is a testament to their devotion and admiration for each other; 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 Arthur and Phyllis Ellis 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 Arthur and Phyllis Ellis.