

Senate Resolution No. 1138

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Mr. and Mrs. Garofalo 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 sense of this Legislative Body to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Garofalo upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, celebrated on Saturday, May 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Garofalo and the former Elvira M. Ritchie met in 1966 as teenagers and wrote letters as friends while Richard was serving in the Air Force; upon his return home in 1971, the relationship between the two became romantic; and

WHEREAS, Elvira M. Ritchie and Richard J. Garofalo were united in marriage on May 10, 1975, at St. John the Baptist Church in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Mr. and Mrs. Garofalo are the proud parents of Lisa, and the loving grandparents of Brendon; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Garofalo worked for GAFB and Rome Labs for 38 years and retired in 2007; Elvira M. Garofalo worked for Rome Iron Mills and Central New York DDSO and retired in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Garofalo 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. Garofalo 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. Garofalo 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. Garofalo 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. Garofalo.