

Senate Resolution No. 1624

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**CONGRATULATING** Thomas and Alice Connors upon the occasion of celebrating their 68th 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 Thomas and Alice Connors upon the occasion of celebrating their 68th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, April 12, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Residents of Deerfield, New York, since 2005, Thomas and Alice (Havey) Connors met more than 70 years ago when they were ice skating near their homes in Massachusetts; after their wedding and honeymoon, the couple resided in Massachusetts where they spent 41 years raising their five children, Debbie, Thomas, Michael, Alyssa, and Mary Ellen; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1989, Thomas Connors and other concerned citizens established a soup kitchen named Open Table where he and Alice volunteered as servers for a decade; this well-established facility still operates today; they also volunteered their services at another soup kitchen, Hope House, for ten years; and

**WHEREAS,** For 32 years, Thomas and Alice Connors conducted weekly group sessions for 25 men at a prison where participants were encouraged to talk about their deepest emotions with the couple who would share their own coping skills; and

**WHEREAS,** Thomas and Alice Connors' devotion to their Catholic faith also inspired their involvement in various church ministries, including their service as facilitators for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) which prepares individuals wishing to join the Catholic Church; they served in this role for 20 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the years, Thomas and Alice Connors enjoyed the growth of their family, welcoming eight grandchildren; their unwavering commitment to their faith and each other has been a profound influence; the couple's dedication, caring, and respect for each other has been passed down through subsequent generations; and

**WHEREAS,** The love, devotion, and caring Thomas and Alice Connors 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,** In September 2025, a surprise 90th birthday celebration for Thomas Connors was a testament to the steadfast support of the entire

family who organized and attended the event in Utica, some members traveling thousands of miles from California; and

**WHEREAS,** Thomas and Alice Connors 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 Thomas and Alice Connors upon the occasion of celebrating their 68th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas and Alice Connors.