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Proclamation congratulating Darcy Joan Urbank and Paul Johannes Battisti upon their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, “In life it’s not where you go - it’s who you travel with.” This quote from Charles Schultz, creator of the comic strip Peanuts, embodies **Darcy Joan Urbank** and **Paul Johannes Battisti’s** 50 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, **Darcy** and **Paul** met while attending West Virginia University and were married by a Justice of the Peace on August 15, 1970; and

WHEREAS, shortly after being married, **Darcy** and **Paul** served our country by joining the Peace Corps. The couple was stationed in Guatemala, a Central American country for two years where they worked with different communities on various projects, such as health and youth development; and

WHEREAS, after returning to the United States, the couple lived in Rapid City, South Dakota for several years, and their son, Jubal Battisti was born there; and

WHEREAS, thanks to a job opportunity, **Darcy** and **Paul** moved to Washington, D.C. where **Darcy** got a job with the Labor Department and **Paul** obtained a job with the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, after leaving D.C., the couple moved to the Municipality of Bethel Park and eventually the Township of Upper Saint Clair. **Darcy** became a NICU nurse at Children’s Hospital and **Paul** got a job with the Veterans Administration in Pittsburgh. Today, the couple live in the Township of Mt. Lebanon where they have the best view of Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, together they have shown extreme devotion and compassion towards their family by nurturing their son’s passion for pursuing a career in dance, and providing care for three of their parents until the end of their lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Bethany Hallam,

do hereby recognize and congratulate *Darcy Joan Urbank* and *Paul Johannes Battisti* upon their 50th wedding anniversary. They are a shining example of how the power of love can positively influence family, friends and neighbors, and we congratulate them on this great milestone and wish them happiness for many years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 15th day of August 2020.