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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Auburn Rotary Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 95th Anniversary on April 9, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Auburn Rotary Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 95th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn Rotary Club will mark 95 years of continuous service to the local, national, and international community at a celebration to be held at the Auburn Holiday Inn on Friday, April 9, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is a not-for-profit organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill through service in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, One of the oldest clubs in New York State, Auburn Rotary was established on April 12, 1915, with initially 45 members, including William Henry who served as the club's first President; Syracuse Rotary was the club's sponsor and its founding came only 10 years after the beginning of Rotary International in 1905; and

WHEREAS, By October 1915, club membership had grown from 45 to 85 members; meetings were held at the Palm Room at the Osborne House, which was later named the Osborne Hotel and the Auburn Inn; today, the club meets at the Holiday Inn; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn Rotary Club has also sponsored the establishment of numerous clubs, some of which include those located in Seneca Falls, Geneva and Skaneateles; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, the Auburn Rotary Club has been involved in countless local causes including: aiding the Girls and Boys Scouts; working with disabled children and being recognized and awarded the Warren G. Harding Memorial Flag in 1923; supporting Cayuga Museum of History and Art; sponsoring numerous youth sports teams; hosting the AMBA Bloodscreening Wellness program for the community as well as Success By Six and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Auburn Rotary Club was instrumental in the donation of land for Camp Rotary on Owasco Lake and continues to offer its support to this noteworthy program; and

WHEREAS, On the international front, the Auburn Rotary Club has been actively involved in eradicating polio, establishing clean water projects in Argentina as well as supporting such illustrious programs as World Literacy, Books4World, and Youth Exchanges; it also contributes to the clean-up efforts of catastrophes around the world, including aid to Haiti; and

WHEREAS, The tradition of service to the community has been maintained throughout the 95 year history of the Auburn Rotary Club, as it continues to exemplify Rotary International's motto, "Service Above Self"; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to organizations whose singular purpose is devoted to community service and global benevolence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Auburn Rotary Club upon the occasion of its 95th Anniversary, honoring this worthy organization's unrelenting dedication to

service and its distinguished record of accomplishment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the Auburn Rotary Club.