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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Armonk Lions Club to be celebrated Saturday, June 12, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those fraternal 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 commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Armonk Lions Club to be celebrated at its Annual Fol-de-Rol Fair on Saturday, June 12, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Armonk Lions Club is a member of the Lions International, which includes 1.3 million members from 205 countries and geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, The International Lions Club was founded by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones in 1917; and

WHEREAS, In 1925, Helen Keller, while addressing the Lions International Convention in Ohio, urged this new club to serve the blind and visually impaired and called upon them to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness"; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the Lions Club has committed themselves to serving those with visual impairments; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1939, 29 members of the Armonk community had founded the Armonk Lions Club; since then, the Lions Club of Armonk has contributed to various charitable organizations throughout the community including Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Vacation Camp for the Blind, Joslin Camp for Boys with Diabetes, Carla Barton Camp for Girls with Diabetes, Meals on Wheels, Armonk Police Department, Armonk Fire Department and Wampus Park; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the organization provides two scholarships each year to high school students who excel in volunteering and train with the staff at Blythdale Children's Hospital on the detection of Amblyopia; and

WHEREAS, For 36 years, they have helped the people of Armonk welcome spring with their Annual Fol-de-Rol Country Fair; furthermore, during the month of December, members can be found dressed in Santa costumes as they ring bells to raise money to help feed homeless families during the holidays; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Armonk Lions Club, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Armonk Lions Club to be celebrated June 12, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Armonk Lions Club.