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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Kingston

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 90th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Kingston, to be celebrated on Saturday, May 21, 2011, at the Wiltwyck Golf Club in Kingston, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Kingston was originally sponsored by the Poughkeepsie Kiwanis Club; the installation and charter presentation was held at the Cuneo Hotel, Lake Katrine on April 21, 1921; since then, the Club has sponsored the Catskill, Saugerties, and Ulster Clubs; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Kingston is part of the Hudson River Division of the New York District; there are 28 Divisions and more than 10,000 members in the New York District; and

WHEREAS, During its first several years, the Kiwanis Club of Kingston met at the YMCA on Broadway and then at the Van Berg Restaurant, which later became Feye's Bar and Grill, at 286 Wall Street; the Club continued to meet there until the Governor Clinton Hotel was built in 1927; it met at the Hotel until it closed in 1977; and

WHEREAS, From 1977-2004, the Kiwanis Club of Kingston met at the Holiday Inn; they then met at the Hillside Manor Restaurant until July of 2006, when it moved to the Skytop Steakhouse where it now has its weekly meetings; and

WHEREAS, The primary mission of Kiwanis Club of Kingston is to provide

meaningful community service and to develop good fellowship; they do this by providing scholarship funds to deserving graduates who are continuing their education, and by providing funds to selected projects throughout the year, as well as participating in various service projects; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Kingston provides financial support to the Boy Scouts, the Children's Home, the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA; they also have a program which gives a dictionary to every third-grade student in the Kingston Schools; and

WHEREAS, During the past year, its members have worked on and supported such projects as the Boy Scout Food Drive, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Rosemary Gruner Bike Ride for Cancer, The Kids Classic, Salvation Army Bell-ringers, a holiday meal for seniors, and a Christmas party for Brookside School for Children; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Kingston has enjoyed a rich history over the years, with its members coming from fields such as accounting, civil service, education, management, and many more; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, the Kiwanis Club of Kingston strives to fulfill the Kiwanis vision of changing the world, one child and one community at a time; through the participation of its members, it has helped to educate children, support its community, and has established itself as the premier service organization in Kingston; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Kiwanis Club of Kingston, 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 90th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Kingston; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Darlene Pfeiffer, President, Kiwanis Club of Kingston.