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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Auburn Rotary Club on April 12, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have a significant impact on the lives of others and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Auburn Rotary Club on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at the Springside Inn in Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris and a group of associates; today, it has 34,000 clubs in more than 160 countries and more than 1,200,000 members worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is dedicated to the development of fellowship and understanding among business and professional leaders, the promotion of community-betterment endeavors and of high standards in business and professional practices, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace; and

WHEREAS, Under the exemplary leadership of the Auburn Rotary Club's first President William J. Henry, the club sponsored sending 17,000 illustrated booklets to other surrounding cities which described its culture, manufacturing climate, and housing architecture; and

WHEREAS, By October of 1915, the Auburn Rotary Club membership grew to 85 members; it was at that time the Club began sponsoring picnics for children, and distributing food baskets during the holidays; and

WHEREAS, During the next few years, Auburn Rotarians were instrumental in helping supply automobiles on Memorial Day to veterans of the Grand Army, Spanish American War, and the Mexican border incident; in addi-

tion, the members aided in the purchase of a truck for Company A of the National Guard, and assisted in a variety of civilian war efforts during World War I; and

WHEREAS, In 1919, the Auburn Rotary Club voted unanimously to acquire land for a camping site to be used by the Boy Scouts of America; one year later, land on Owasco Lake was purchased and later deeded to the Boy Scouts of America Council as the beginning of Camp Rotary which is still used today; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1923, the Auburn Rotarians were honored for their work with crippled children and subsequently, received the esteemed Warren G. Harding Memorial Flag; and

WHEREAS, In 1945, the Auburn Rotary Club purchased and presented to the first blood bank in the city to Auburn Memorial Hospital; over the years, the members have contributed to both the Auburn Memorial Hospital and the former Mercy Hospital, purchasing specialized equipment; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the community-minded Auburn Rotarians provided Hoopes Park and Auburn with a fountain in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Auburn Rotary Club has supported numerous agencies such as the Heart Fund, Cancer Fund, March of Dimes, Cerebral Palsy Fund, Salvation Army, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, YMCA, E. John Gavras Center, and Camp Columbus, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of club President Debra English, the Auburn Rotary Club remains true to the principles of Rotary, to the worthy causes it supports, and to service to its community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, As the Auburn Rotary Club proudly celebrates 100 years of "Service Above Self," it reaffirms its commitment to and support of Rotary International's programs and fundamental beliefs; and

WHEREAS, On the auspicious occasion of its 100th Anniversary, this Legislative Body is proud to have the opportunity to applaud the good works and worthy endeavors of the Auburn Rotary Club and its members,

and to honor the Club for its unremitting dedication to service and its distinguished record of accomplishment; now, therefore, be it  
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Auburn Rotary Club on April 12, 2015, and to pay tribute to its past and present members; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Debra English, President, Auburn Rotary Club, Auburn, New York.