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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Wantagh and Seaford Kiwanis upon the occasion of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis International

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 commend the Wantagh and Seaford Kiwanis upon the occasion of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis International; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1915, in Detroit, Michigan, Kiwanis International grew from a single chapter focused on business networking, into one of the world's premier international service organizations; and

WHEREAS, The six permanent objects of Kiwanis International are to: give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life; encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships; promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards; develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship; provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities; and cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis International places special emphasis on service to children and youth; the organization's international initiatives are intended to improve the quality of life of children through activities which promote health and education; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Kiwanis service leadership programs, which include Kiwanis Kids, Builders Club, and Key Club, comprise approximately 7,000 youth clubs worldwide, with more than 343,000 youth members; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Kiwanis International joined with UNICEF to launch a new health initiative, the Eliminate Project, dedicated to wiping out maternal and neonatal tetanus, which kills more than 100,000 babies worldwide each year; and

WHEREAS, Today, Kiwanis and Kiwanis affiliated groups, such as Key Club, CKI, and Aktion Club, donate more than 18 million hours of service each year and raise significant donations for charitable funds annually; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with International Kiwanis' Centennial Anniversary, the Wantagh Kiwanis will celebrate 60 years of service to its community; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction such as the Wantagh and Seaford Kiwanis Clubs provide a model for enhancing the quality of life in the community and, as such, merit the grateful praise of the community of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Wantagh and Seaford Kiwanis Club upon the occasion of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis International; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President Heidi Felix, Wantagh Kiwanis Club, and President Steven Katz, Seaford Kiwanis Club.