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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kiwanis International upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary

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 Kiwanis International upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and

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

WHEREAS, This vital organization and its family of clubs, more than 600,000 members strong, annually raise countless funds and dedicate more than 18.5 million volunteer hours to strengthen communities and serve children; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis International members of all ages attend regular meetings, experience fellowship, raise funds for various causes and participate in service projects which help their communities; in addition, its members make an impact throughout the world by participating in Kiwanis International's Global Campaign for Children, the Eliminate Project, which strives to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus; and

WHEREAS, The six permanent objectives 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, The New York District of Kiwanis International has played a key role in the history of the international organization, which was founded in 1915; and

WHEREAS, The first Kiwanis Club in the New York State District was formed in Rochester, New York; the charter process for this Club was completed on May 1, 1916, and George F. Hixon, Esq. served as its first President; and

WHEREAS, Of the first 25 Kiwanis Clubs in the world, eight were formed in New York State, and were organized between 1916-1919; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the New York State District of Kiwanis has helped to improve the lives of countless children and New York families residing throughout this great State; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 100 year history, Kiwanis International has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Kiwanis International is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Kiwanis International; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction such as Kiwanis International 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 Kiwanis International upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kiwanis International.