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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Evans Township Lions Club celebrated on January 16, 2016

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 Evans Township Lions Club, celebrated at a dinner on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at M.P.B. Hall in Angola, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Evans Township Lions Club is a member of the Lions International, which includes 1.4 million members from over 200 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 itself to serving those with visual impairments; and

WHEREAS, The Evans Township Lions Club was chartered on January 31, 1946, and since then, the Lions Club has contributed to various charitable organizations throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, During the Evans Township Lions Club 70th Anniversary Celebration, a program highlighting its long history of service was presented to the members and guests; and

WHEREAS, In the early years, Lions Club projects included raising money to help purchase the first ambulance in the Town of Evans and to help purchase the organ for the new High School building, the town "Rodeo" in the late 1950s, and donating bleachers for the High School football field as well as the Annual Children's Halloween Costume Parade; present day service projects include the Memorial Day Weekend Community activities at the Veterans Park in Derby, New York, and the Lions Club core mission of sight conservation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the program included a display of old paper, club records, awards and memorabilia, a computer slide show of pictures from more recent activities, and a video of the Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Evans Township Lions Club President, Spencer Vail, accepted a commemorative proclamation, recognizing Sunday, January 31, 2016, as Evans Township Lions Club Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Evans Township 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 Evans Township Lions Club celebrated on January 16, 2016; and be it further

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