

## 2015-J6169

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Gravesend, Brooklyn, to be celebrated on June 9, 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 60th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Gravesend, Brooklyn, to be celebrated on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at Rex Manor, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Six decades ago, a group of like-minded individuals from the Gravesend area of Brooklyn wanted to make their community an even better place to raise their families and operate their businesses; and

WHEREAS, Chartered on March 8, 1956, the Kiwanis Club of Gravesend, Brooklyn is a community service organization, part of an international organization composed of business and professional individuals who respond to the unique needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, The Club's weekly meetings provide fellowship and networking with other members of the community, an opportunity to learn valuable information from programs delivered by guest speakers, and the means to help improve its community and to help those who are less-fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1956, the Kiwanis Club of Gravesend has strived to improve the quality of life in its beloved community by funding scholarships, providing food for the needy through the First Baptist Church, sponsoring children to attend Kamp Kiwanis, and assist in the organization of the Holiday Party at Ft. Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission of "Serving the Children of the World,"

the members of the Kiwanis Club of Gravesend are dedicated to the students at PS 177 by hosting Read Aloud Day, donating Scholastic books and supporting both sports teams and music classes; in addition, the Club sponsors various sports programs at St. Athanasius School; and WHEREAS, Dedicated to the betterment of its community, the Kiwanis Club of Gravesend aids many worthy organizations such as Sts. Simon and Jude St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus Cardinal Stritch, Rolling Thunder, and Ronald McDonald House; and WHEREAS, Grateful to our Nation's veterans, the Club promotes the Veteran's Fishing Trip for veterans of the Day Hospital of the Brooklyn VA Medical Center, and supports the Wounded Warrior Project; and WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Gravesend also advises the NYU Circle K Club, an organization of college age men and women; and WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of President, Robert Bonsignore, the vital members of the Kiwanis Club of Gravesend, which include Charles (Bill) D'Emic, Vincent Monteleone, John LaGreca, Joseph Romagnolo, Santo Matarazzo, Michael Rizzotto, Isaac Mizrahi, Eugene Boccieri, Constantine Arniotes, Anthony Vaccaro, and Alfred Polizzotto, as well as Michael Pastena continue to BUILD and change the world, one child and one community at a time; and WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction such as the Kiwanis Club of Gravesend, Brooklyn, 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 commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Gravesend, Brooklyn, on June 9, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Bonsignore, President, Kiwanis Club of Gravesend, Brooklyn.