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Senate Resolution No. 1321

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMENDING the Penn Yan Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Lions Club 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 Penn Yan Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Lions Club International; and

WHEREAS, In honor of this 100-year milestone, the members of the Penn Yan Lions will completely renovate the playground at Red Jacket Park on Lake Street in Penn Yan; and

WHEREAS, The \$70,000 project was spearheaded by Penn Yan Lion, Norm Koek; Village Recreation Director, Dan Doyle assisted the Lions in obtaining grant money based on the playground's universal design which not only makes the playground handicap accessible, but also meets the needs of the greatest number of children with all kinds of special needs and abilities; and

WHEREAS, The Red Jacket Park includes swings, a see saw, slides, and a climbing gym, as well as a cozy dome which offers children a place to be alone or socialize more quietly; 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, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Penn Yan 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 commend the Penn Yan Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Lions Club International; and be it further

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