

**BY:** Senator LARKIN

**HONORING** the West Point-Highland Falls Rotary Club upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 Best Friend Award by the Friends of the Highland Falls Library on June 3, 2017

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the West Point-Highland Falls Rotary Club upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 Best Friend Award by the Friends of the Highland Falls Library, to be celebrated at its Spring Gala and Awards Reception, on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at the Highland Falls Library, in Highland Falls, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** This prestigious award is bestowed upon the West Point-Highland Falls Rotary Club for its steadfast and unremitting commitment to its community and the Highland Falls Library; the Club remains true to its motto of Service Above Self; and

**WHEREAS,** Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world; in more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs; and

**WHEREAS,** Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women; the world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds; and

**WHEREAS,** The main objective of Rotary is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world; Rotarians develop community service projects which address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence; and

**WHEREAS,** This vital organization also supports programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development; and

**WHEREAS,** Although Rotary clubs develop autonomous service programs, all Rotarians worldwide are united in a campaign for the global eradication of polio; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the West Point-Highland Falls Rotary Club upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 Best Friend Award by the Friends of the Highland Falls Library on June 3, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the West Point-Highland Falls Rotary Club.