

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Kiwanis
Club of Utica on September 30, 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 100th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Utica, which was celebrated on Friday, September 30, 2016, at the Trackside Restaurant, Historic Utica Train Station, Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time; 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, Chartered on September 23, 1957, the Kiwanis Club of Utica is a community service organization, part of the international organization, composed of business and professional individuals who respond to the unique needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, For a century, the dedicated men and women of the Kiwanis Club of Utica have been performing various community service projects to help serve children; today, the Club sponsors two service leadership organizations for youth including Key Club at Proctor High School in Utica, New York, and Circle K Club at Utica College; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Utica participates in a variety of projects throughout the year which involve fundraising, community service, and assisting children locally and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission of "Serving the Children of the World," the members of the Kiwanis Club of Utica are dedicated to students by acknowledging music students from local high schools for their excellence through the Utica Symphony League Awards, supporting a Sports Award Luncheon for local college athletes as well as planning a

Christmas Party for third graders and middle school students from local schools; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the betterment of its community, the Kiwanis Club of Utica provides local programs and projects including Bingo, a program geared for seniors, a Boilermaker Water Station which aids race participants, and a Prayer Breakfast for local community leaders; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Kiwanis Club of Utica provides speakers at its weekly meetings to explore topics of interest to the membership; the Club also engages in a number of social activities to share experiences, talents and collective interests which represent great opportunities for service, friendships and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of President, Anita Cadez, Vice President, Robert Peterson, Secretary, Diana Eisbrenner-Griswold, Treasurer, Cliff Willner, and vital members of the Kiwanis Club of Utica, which include Thomas Bommarito, Jill Bowker, Chilli Crank, Les Gilbert, Andre Laubach, Mary Novak, Kelley Parise, Alan Sanborn, Doug Tull, as well as Jerry Webb 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 Utica, 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 100th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Utica on September 30, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anita Cadez, President, Kiwanis Club of Utica.