

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING the Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York,
upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th
Anniversary on October 29, 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 commend the Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary, to be feted during a weekend Centennial Celebration on Friday, October 28, 2016, and Saturday, October 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time; and

WHEREAS, The six permanent objects 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, For a Century, the dedicated men and women of the Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York, have served the City of Troy and Rensselaer County by serving the children of the world; Kiwanis is a family affair that connects three or more generations; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York, was formed on October 25, 1916, and is one of the oldest Kiwanis Clubs in the world; the Club represents a variety of age groups, and the diverse charter members have come from all walks of life including business, government, medical, public safety and religious; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, several members of the Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York, held leadership positions at both the Division and District Levels; in 1926, Gordon L. Hayes held the position of Past Governor of the New York District, and in 1963, George H. Prout held the position of Honorary Past Governor of the New York District; numerous members also served as Lieutenant Governors of the Van Rensselaer Division; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of President Olivia Prout, the Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York, serves the children of the City of Troy and Rensselaer County by supporting local community organizations, volunteering, fundraising and sending children to Kamp Kiwanis; and

WHEREAS, Focusing on the youth of its communities in and around Rensselaer County, the Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York, presently sponsors a K-Kids Club at Carroll Hill Elementary School, a Builder's Club at Troy Middle School, and Kiwanis Service Clubs, called Key Clubs, at Troy High School and Tamarac High School; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York, sponsors Circle-K Clubs at both Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Russell Sage College; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York, is being recognized for its contribution to the communities of Troy and the greater Rensselaer County; its weekend Centennial Celebration includes a Bowl-a-thon, a Card Making and Stars for Our Troops Service Project, and a Centennial Gala at Franklin Terrace, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Troy Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction such as the Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York, 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 commend the Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President Olivia Prout, Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York.