

**BY:** M. of A. Palmesano

**COMMEMORATING** the 100th Anniversary of the Elmira  
Rotary Club on March 7, 2017

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those 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 Elmira Rotary Club on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at Cowles Hall, located on the Elmira College Campus; and

**WHEREAS,** The world's first service club, Rotary International, was founded on February 23, 1905, when Paul Harris, a native of Vermont, found himself a stranger in the city of Chicago; he conceived the idea of inviting three men of different vocations to join him weekly for fellowship and to discuss each other's problems and business; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, Rotary International has grown into an organization including over 1.2 million members in approximately 29,000 clubs across 163 countries; each club is made up of business and professional leaders who are dedicated to humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help to build peace and goodwill throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS,** The Elmira Rotary Club was sponsored by the Binghamton Rotary Club and was chartered on October 6, 1916, and incorporated on January 18, 1917; since then, the Elmira Rotary Club has sponsored other Clubs in Hornell, Wayland, Waverly, Watkins-Montour, Canandaigua, Horseheads, Chemung Sunrise, Dansville, Elmira Heights and Corning; and

**WHEREAS,** The objective of the Rotary Club is to encourage and foster the Ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise; Rotarians ensure this by applying the 4-Way Test: Is it the truth?, Is it fair to all concerned?, Will it build goodwill and better friendships?, and Will it be beneficial to all concerned?; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Rotary Club of Elmira, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves by perpetuating its motto of Service Above Self; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Elmira Rotary Club on March 7, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the Elmira Rotary Club.