

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady, New York, on May 15, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Kiwanis Club of Schenectady, New York, to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 15, 2019; 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 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, Since its inception in 1919, the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady has continually supported numerous local children's programs, primarily those from underserved socioeconomic groups; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President Dr. A.R. Warner, the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady partnered with the Schenectady Fire Department to raise the necessary funds to open Sunnyview Hospital in 1929; through the Club's initial endeavors, the Hospital continues to thrive and prosper, serving the residents of Schenectady with quality, compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization then turned its efforts to fighting the polio epidemic which was endangering the children in its community; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Everett S. Lee published **The Story of Kiwanis Club of Schenectady**, which chronicled his tenure as President of Club in 1947; today, his reference book can be found at the Schenectady County Public Library so all may read about the Club's steadfast determination to serve the young people of Schenectady; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady remains true to its

century old mission of Serving the Children of the World by sponsoring numerous programs which benefit various worthy organizations, positively impacting the lives of countless local children; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 100-year history, the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady is in direct correlation to the efforts of President Michael DellaRocco and its dedicated members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady, New York, on May 15, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael DellaRocco, President, Kiwanis Club of Schenectady, New York.