

BY: Senator OBERACKER

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary
Club of Monticello, New York

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 Rotary Club of Monticello, New York; 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 Chicago; he conceived of 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 46,000 clubs across the 220 countries; each club is made up of professionals and business leaders who are dedicated to humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to help build peace and goodwill throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The Monticello Rotary Club was granted its official charter on October 3, 1924, joining Region 5, District 7210, with a mission to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Together, Rotary sees a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in communities, and in themselves; and

WHEREAS, The Monticello Rotary Club is made up of business, professional, and civic-minded men and women who want to have a positive influence, meet new people, network with others, and have fun; its members generously give, but in return receive camaraderie, business, and social networking, as well as leadership and personal growth opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, its members believe they have a shared responsibility to take action on the world's most persistent issues with Rotary Clubs working together to: promote peace; fight disease; provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; save mothers and children; support education; grow local economies; and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, Monticello Rotary has raised and distributed over 2.5

million dollars to projects in their community and abroad over the past 100 years, supporting organizations such as but not limited to, Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, United Way of Sullivan County,

Sullivan County Veteran's Coalition, Garnett Catskills, Wapnick Pavillion at DeHoyos Park, Boys & Girls Club, Nesin Cultural Arts, DARE, and the Crawford Library; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Monticello Rotary sponsors and oversees two Interact Clubs, one at Monticello High School and the other Fallsburg High School; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with its motto of service above self, the Monticello Rotary Club has steadfastly supported a diverse array of programs and continues to provide community opportunities as well as assistance through many events, including its Annual Monster Run, Food Drive, Taste of Sullivan, Golf Tournament and Scholarships, Bar-B-Que, Comfort Closet, Coat Drive, Alzheimer's Walk, Ride 2 Survive, and Blood Drives; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Monticello Rotary Club is in direct correlation to the efforts of its 2023-24 Officers: President, William Tochtermann; President-Elect, Lori Orestano-James; Treasurer, Randolph Katz; Special Accounts Treasurer, Les Kristt; Secretary, Orshii Boldiis; and Immediate Past President, Brad Rutledge, as well as its Board of Directors and 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 custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and 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 commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Monticello, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rotary Club of Monticello, New York.