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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary
Club of Kenmore

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 Kenmore, 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 29,000 clubs across the 163 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, Established in 1924, the Rotary Club of Kenmore is one of the older and larger clubs within Rotary District 7090; and

WHEREAS, Locally, this vital club, together with its Kenmore Rotary Foundation, has generously supported organizations such as Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Kenmore Paramedics, Kenmore Meals on Wheels, and many other initiatives which not only serve Kenmore, but the greater Western New York Community; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Kenmore also provides scholarships and awards to middle and high school students in Kenmore and Tonawanda, and steadfastly supports The Both Your Hands - Interact Club at Kenmore West High School; and

WHEREAS, A progressive and open club, the Kenmore Rotary 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, In keeping with its motto of service above self, the Kenmore Rotary Club has steadfastly supported a diverse array of programs, including those which strive to eradicate polio, as well as

those which seek to improve our communities and the world we live in;
and

WHEREAS, The success of the Kenmore Rotary Club is in direct correlation to the efforts of 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 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 Kenmore; and be it further

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