

Senate Resolution No. 1960

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Corning
Country Club

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of New York State is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational facilities; 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 Corning Country Club to be recognized with a six-day-long centennial celebration, kicking off on Monday, July 22, 2019, and culminating with a Legends Pro-Am Golf Shootout on Saturday, July 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, A number of players from the LPGA Legends Tour will be participating in the shootout, including two-time LPGA Tour winner Gail Graham, 1996 and 1997 Corning Classic Champion Rosie Jones, 27-time LPGA Tour winner Jane Blalock, 1998 Corning winner Tammie (Green) Parker, 1986 Corning Champion Laurie Rinker, and World Golf Hall of Famers Sandra Haynie, Jan Stephenson and Pat Bradley, who won at Corning in 1990; and

WHEREAS, The Corning Country Club was established in 1919, and designed by Thomas Winston, a Scottish born greenskeeper who later pursued golf course design; the land which was acquired for the golf course included a farm house; this structure was modified and became the very first clubhouse which was located behind today's number nine tee box; and

WHEREAS, While in the midst of renovation in 1951, the clubhouse was destroyed in a fire; a second clubhouse was built on a different site and was opened to rave reviews in July of 1952; the then modern facility was much larger and offered more room to meet the members' needs; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, the second clubhouse was demolished to insert a new clubhouse, which can accommodate functions up to 180 people and remains on the property today; and

WHEREAS, Among Corning Country Club's most notable events was the LPGA Corning Classic, an annual golf tournament for professional female golfers on the LPGA Tour which took place every year from 1979 through 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Corning Classic was one of the longest running LPGA tournaments, and many of its participants recognize Corning, New York, for its contribution to the history of women's athletics; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, proceeds for the LPGA Corning Classic exceeded 3.8 million dollars since its debut at the Corning Country Club in 1979;

and

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

WHEREAS, The success of the Corning Country Club is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff, 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, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Corning Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Corning Country Club may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the recreational needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Corning Country Club; and be it further

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