

**BY:** Senator AKSHAR

**COMMEMORATING** the 100th Anniversary of the  
Endicott Rotary Club

**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 Endicott Rotary Club; 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 good will throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS,** On April 1, 1921, several businessmen gathered at the Hotel Frederick in Endicott, New York, to organize a group that would later be chartered as The Endicott Rotary Club; and

**WHEREAS,** Sponsored by the Binghamton Rotary Club and chartered on May 13, 1921, there were 24 original charter members which included: J. R. Allen, Earl Barnes, Leslie Baxter, Clark Bennett, Vivian Bradbury, Bernard Collingwood, Herbert Crumb, Harry Freeland, Edward Furry, Elmer Hilkins, William Hiller, George W. Johnson, Ivan Jones, Elmer Lacey, Theodore Lainhart, Harry LaValle, Tom MacClary, Lewis Matton, Don Morgan, George H. Nichols, John Payne, Harry Stevens, Ralph Van Atta, and Harry Whitney; and

**WHEREAS,** The first meeting was at the Endicott Masonic Temple with 150 Rotarians from all over New York State present from other area clubs to celebrate the charter; and

**WHEREAS,** Judge Thomas A. MacClary served as the first President for two years; and

**WHEREAS,** From the beginning, the Endicott Rotary Club has achieved an outstanding record of service to its community, youth and in meeting many international needs; and

**WHEREAS,** Endicott Rotary was the lead service club foundation in the

fundraising efforts for the Ideal Hospital expansion, The Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome, Round Top and Grippen Parks, and Community Meeting Hall at the Endicott Visitor's Center; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of the Endicott 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 Endicott Rotary Club; and be it further

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