Senate Resolution No. 2262

BY: Senator RATH

COMMENDING Diane K. and Richard A. Wojtowicz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Amherst Womens Interclub Council on May 7, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Diane K. and Richard A. Wojtowicz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Amherst Womens Interclub Council, to be celebrated at its Annual Kentucky Derby Luncheon on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village in Amherst, New York; and

WHEREAS, During this auspicious occasion, these outstanding volunteers will be recognized for their steadfast and outstanding commitment to their community; and

WHEREAS, Since they built their home in Williamsville, New York, almost 50 years ago, Diane K. and Richard A. Wojtowicz have invested thousands of hours volunteering their time in several local organizations improving and strengthening the overall reasons the Town of Amherst maintains a reputation for its quality of life; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Canisius College, Richard A. Wojtowicz began his long and distinguished career in banking while completing coursework through the American Banking Institute; today, he holds the title of Director of Corporate Relations for Mainstream Funding Systems, a Williamsville-based mortgage brokerage firm; and

WHEREAS, A former Councilman for the Town of Amherst, Richard A. Wojtowicz served as the Board's liaison to the Recreation Department, the Youth Board, the library, and the Government Studies Committee; he also provided support as a consultant to Junior Achievement, a non-profit youth organization; and

WHEREAS, Diane K. Wojtowicz earned her degree in business from Bryant & Stratton College, and currently serves as an Executive Secretary for the Chief Executive Officer of Mainstream Funding Systems; and

WHEREAS, Diane K. Wojtowicz can always be counted on to lend a helping hand wherever she is needed, volunteering for the Amherst Youth Foundation, the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, the Rotary Annual Classic Car Show, and the Amherst Symphony Orchestra in their fundraisers and other activities; and

WHEREAS, Both Diane K. and Richard A. Wojtowicz are actively involved with the Buffalo-Niagara Heritage Village Board, serving as a Trustee and on the Advisory Council, and active members on the Amherst Symphony Orchestra Board, where Richard is the Vice President and Diane serves on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, The couple are also members of the Amherst Youth Foundation Board, with Richard A. Wojtowicz holding the position of Secretary, while Diane K. Wojtowicz serves as its Vice President; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Diane K. and Richard A. Wojtowicz are active members of Rotary International, a worldwide service organization; Richard is the President of the Rotary Club of Williamsville, and Diane is the Assistant Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, For their tireless efforts in making Williamsville a better place to live, work, and play, both Diane K. and Richard A. Wojtowicz have been recipient of numerous awards and accolades; Diane received Rotary's Unsung Hero and Richard was named Rotarian of the Year and Businessman of the Year by the General Pulaski Association of Western New York, and received many Paul Harris Awards; and

WHEREAS, When they are not working or helping someone, Diane K. and Richard A. Wojtowicz enjoy classic cars, and have won several awards for their prized Lincoln Continental Coupe; Richard also plays drums for many Western New York bands; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefits of others which Diane K. and Richard A. Wojtowicz have displayed throughout their lives; 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 commend Diane K. and Richard A. Wojtowicz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Amherst Womens Interclub Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Diane K. and Richard A. Wojtowicz.