Assembly Resolution No. 652

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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Toccolana Club of Rome, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate those institutions and organizations within the State of New York that have contributed significantly to the growth and enrichment of their communities, embodying the spirit of civic engagement and cultural preservation; 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 Toccolana Club to be celebrated at the Opening Ceremonies of the 2025 World Series of Bocce on Thursday, July 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1925 by Italian immigrants from the village of Tocco da Casauria, located in the Province of Pescara in the Abruzzo Region of Italy, the Toccolana Club has grown from a small community gathering place into a cherished and enduring institution in the City of Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, For a century, the Toccolana Club has played a central role in the civic, cultural, and recreational life of the region, providing a welcoming space for members and visitors to celebrate heritage, build community, and enjoy meaningful traditions; and

WHEREAS, The Toccolana Club is widely recognized as the home of the World Series of Bocce, a premier national tournament that attracts top players from across the country; with 15 regulation bocce courts, the Club offers a world-class venue for both competitive play and casual recreation, making bocce an essential and beloved part of the Club's identity; and

WHEREAS, In addition to bocce, the Toccolana Club serves as a vibrant venue for hosting a wide variety of events, including community fundraisers, family celebrations, social gatherings, and civic functions; through these endeavors, the Club continues to strengthen bonds among neighbors and generations alike; and

WHEREAS, The enduring legacy of the Toccolana Club is a testament to the values of unity, perseverance, and pride shared by its founders and sustained by its members over the past century; it stands today as a cornerstone of Rome's cultural fabric and a model of community spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Toccolana Club of Rome, New York, recognizing its outstanding contributions to the community and its continued commitment to fellowship, tradition, and service; and be it further

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