

House of Representatives



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

In the House, March 15, 2005

Whereas, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, was the first and is one of the largest nonprofit service organizations in the world; and

Whereas, There are more than 1.2 million Rotary club members worldwide; and

Whereas, Professional and business leaders comprise the membership of more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in more than 165 countries; and

Whereas, The Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and promote goodwill and peace in the world; and

Whereas, Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

Whereas, In 1985 Rotary launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

Whereas, Polio cases have dropped by 99% since 1988, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

Whereas, Rotary is the world's largest privately funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants; and

Whereas, More than 35,000 students from 110 countries have studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and

Whereas, Rotary's Group Study Exchange program has helped more than 46,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries; and

Whereas, There are 8,000 secondary school students each year who experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program; and

Whereas, There are more than 387,000 Rotary club members in more than 7,700 clubs throughout the United States sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy and the environment in their local communities and abroad; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives acknowledge February 23, 2005, as the birthday of Rotary and Rotary International and honor Rotarians in this Commonwealth and worldwide for the 100th anniversary of their respective organizations.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 129, introduced by Representatives Stern, Bishop, Forcier, Harper, Sainato, Cruz, Rieger, Geist, Lederer, Thomas, Flick, Lescovitz, Gingrich, B. Smith, Rubley, McGill, Pallone, Corrigan, Belardi, DeWeese, Watson, Nailor, Markosek, Solobay, Fabrizio, Wilt, Good, Shaner, Roadshaw, Belfanti, Fichter, S. H. Smith, Casorio, Herman, Sather, Argall, McIlhattan, Cappelli, Mann, Baker, Bobko-Jones, Roebuck, Barrar, Fairchild, Leach, Bastian, Micozzie, Hichernoll, Payne, Roberts, Heagle, Harris, Wunsacz, Manderino, Creighton, Figue, Yudichak, Major, Hershey, Bianucci, Santoni, True, J. Evans, Melio, Freeman, Goodman, Armstrong, Donatucci, Walko, W. Keller, O'Neill, Gabig, Baldwin, Samuelson, Pickett, Causar, E. Z. Taylor, Levdansky, Frankel, Grucela, Donlinger, McCall, Hasay, Marsico, Scavello, James, Raymond, Boyd, Feese, Youngblood, Semmel, Saylor, DeLuca, Gergely, Daley, Schroder, Bunt, Rohrer, Hess, Crahalla, S. Miller, Reed, Reichley, Pistella, George, Clymer, Cornell, Turzai, Surra, Millard, Ross, Harhai, Kenney, Tangretti, R. Miller, Kauffman, Gillespie, McIlhinney, and adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



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