STATE OF NEW YORK LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

SENATOR MICHAEL F. NOZZOLIO ASSEMBLYMAN BRIAN KOLB



COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls-Waterloo

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those fraternal 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 75th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls-Waterloo, to be celebrated on Thursday, March 8, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The first organizational meeting for the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls was held on March 8, 1937, at the Gould Hotel and was attended by 33 men; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls was originally sponsored by the Geneva Kiwanis Club; the installation and charter presentation was held at the Gould Hotel, on May 6, 1937; and

WHEREAS, The Club was only a week old when it announced its first community project, the annual Sunshine Special for Children, where 500 children saw a movie at the Strand Theater on Fall Street in Seneca Falls and then were taken by cars to Cayuga Lake State Park for games and refreshments; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with Seneca Falls' history as the birthplace of women's rights, the Seneca Falls Kiwanis Club was the first club in their division to induct women; and on August 6, 1987, Patricia Preece was inducted only a month after the Charter change took place; and

WHEREAS, The primary mission of Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls-Waterloo is to provide meaningful community service and to develop good fellowship; they do this by providing scholarship funds to deserving graduates who are continuing their education, and by providing funds to selected projects throughout the year, as well as participating in various service projects; and

WHEREAS, Over the years Kiwanians have been involved in many fund raising activities, including fly-in breakfasts, popcorn sales, dinners, auctions and roasts of local celebrities, with all the profits used to support community projects; and

WHEREAS, From March of 1937, when it was chartered, until September of 2006, it was the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls; and in October 2006, as the club began its 70th year, the membership unanimously approved changing the club's name to the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls-Waterloo in recognition of the importance of both communities as the club's service area and community where members live; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls-Waterloo strives to fulfill the Kiwanis vision of changing the world, one child and one community at a time; through the participation of its members, it has helped to educate children, support its community, and has established itself as the premier service organization in Seneca Falls-Waterloo area; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls-Waterloo, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls-Waterloo; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Adrienne Emmo, President, Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls-Waterloo.

Signed this 8th day of March, Two Thousand and Twelve

Senator, 54th District

State Assembly MinorityLeader