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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Rotary International, the world's oldest and largest service club organization.

WHEREAS, Rotary International is a worldwide organization of over 1.2 million business and professional men and women participating in more than 31,000 clubs in 529 districts and 166 countries throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, the concept of Rotary grew from a meeting of Chicago attorney Paul P. Harris and three friends on February 23, 1905, and

WHEREAS, Rotary members today are engaged in humanitarian service projects in communities throughout the world in the areas of education, literacy, health care, housing, hunger, and poverty, the environment, transportation, and world peace and understanding, and

WHEREAS, Rotary is united in its worldwide effort to eradicate polio by the year 2005 through financial and volunteer support of immunization efforts for hundreds of millions of the world's children, and

WHEREAS, Rotary International affirms its commitment to youth through sponsorship of Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, as well as Rotary Community Corps, Group Study Exchanges, 3-H Grants, Matching Grants, World Community Service, and numerous other programs, and

WHEREAS, Florida Rotary Districts 6890, 6930, 6940, 6950, 6960, 6970, 6980, and 6990 are actively engaged in

1 Centennial projects reflecting Rotary's motto of "Service
2 Above Self," and

3 WHEREAS, Rotary International will celebrate its 100th
4 anniversary on February 23, 2005, under the banner "A Century
5 of Service, A New Century of Successes," as it continues to
6 impact the lives of others worldwide, NOW, THEREFORE,

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8 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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10 That Rotary International is recognized on its 100th
11 anniversary for its continued commitment of service to others
12 by reaching out to those in need in Florida, the United
13 States, and throughout the world.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
15 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Rotary
16 International as a tangible token of the sentiments of the
17 Florida Senate.

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