

By Senator Berman

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 117th anniversary of  
Rotary International.

WHEREAS, for 117 years, Rotary International, a worldwide nonpolitical, nonreligious organization with a membership of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders, has provided humanitarian service, encouraged high ethical standards in all vocations, and helped to build goodwill and peace in the world, and

WHEREAS, the main objective of Rotary International is captured in the organization's motto, "Service Above Self," and is expressed through the work of more than 35,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world as they provide service to their communities, workplaces, and the wider world, and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is an outgrowth of the Rotary Club of Chicago, founded by local attorney Paul Harris on February 23, 1905, and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation, supported solely by voluntary contributions, is a nonprofit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs, and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation began as an endowment fund in 1917 at the suggestion of Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, to allow Rotary members "to do good in the world," and has grown from the first donation of \$26.50 by the Rotary Club of Kansas City to a fund of more than \$1

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30 billion, and

31 WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation has one of the largest and  
32 most prestigious international fellowship programs in the world,  
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34 WHEREAS, Rotarians across Florida continue to strive for  
35 "service above self," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 That the 117th anniversary of Rotary International is  
40 recognized.