

## 2015-K141

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Deposit Lions Club on April 19, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Deposit Lions Club to be celebrated on Sunday, April 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Deposit Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, one of the largest service organizations in the world, and is deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Deposit Lions Club and the entire Lions organization is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding; and

WHEREAS, Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually-impaired; this service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the Lions' 1925 International Convention; and

WHEREAS, The Deposit Lions Club was established on April 18, 1955, when 20 charter members came together in the spirit of community service to form the organization; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past 60 years, the Deposit Lions Club has worked tirelessly to help others; the club has participated in numerous charitable activities including donating materials to help the visually

impaired, offering college scholarships to graduating seniors, and providing eye exams, eyeglasses, and hearing aids to those in need; furthermore, it has donated thousands of recycled eyeglasses to help people in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed organization has also focused its energies on making donations to such worthy causes as the Ronald McDonald House, Center for Vision Research, and Vera House; in addition, it has contributed to numerous local charities including the Deposit Foundation and the Deposit Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, A frequent supporter of community events, the Deposit Lions Club has sponsored the Deposit Football/ Fall Sports Banquet for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, The Deposit Lions Club continues to strive to make its community a better place, holding many fundraisers including the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, golf tournament, and breakfast at Sands Creek Airport; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Deposit Lions Club, and to commend its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life in the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Deposit Lions Club.