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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary on May 20, 2016

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 commend the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary to be feted with a Gala Event on Friday, May 20, 2016, at Tanino Ristorante, Horseheads, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time; and

WHEREAS, The six permanent objects of Kiwanis International are to: give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life; encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships; promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards; develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship; provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities; and cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York, was chartered on May 17, 1966, with the Elmira Kiwanis Club as its sponsor; the Club's diverse charter members have come from all walks of life including busi-

ness, government, medical, public safety and religious; and
WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of President Caitlin McGurgan, the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York, supports numerous youth athletic teams including Babe Ruth, Little League, Small Fry, Lacrosse and Basketball; its efforts also include contributions of time and talent to the Town of Horseheads Youth Bureau, the Children's Miracle Network, the Chemung County Senior Games, the Steele Memorial Library, the County ARC and UCP programs as well as the Food Pantry; and
WHEREAS, Focusing on the youth of its communities in and around Horseheads and Elmira Heights, the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York, has awarded numerous college scholarships to high school seniors at Edison High School and Horseheads High School, as well as scholarships to children at Cohen Middle School to attend the Eileen Collins Space Camp; and
WHEREAS, In addition, for nearly 20 years, the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York, has sponsored Kiwanis Service Clubs at Edison High School, called Key Club, and Builder's Club at Cohen Middle School; and
WHEREAS, Each year, the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York, recognizes community leaders through its Good Guy/Good Gal Awards program, as well as recognizing outstanding police officers and firefighters from Elmira Heights and Horseheads; and
WHEREAS, Historically, the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York, has hosted or participated in numerous community events such as the Chili Cook-off and Holly Days; the organization is part of the pulse of the community, and informs its members through weekly programs of local and regional government and business activity and of other issues in the community; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction such as the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York, provide a model for enhancing the quality

of life in the community and, as such, merit the grateful praise of the community of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President Caitlin McGurgan, Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, New York.