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Senate Resolution No. 44

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge, New York on September 15, 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 commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge, New York, which was celebrated at its Installation Dinner on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill; and

WHEREAS, Two of the original members, Alvin Adler and Verben Konviser were recognized at the dinner for their 60 years of continuous service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Six decades ago, a group of like-minded businessmen from the Woodridge area wanted to make their community an even better place for the youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, Chartered in 1956, the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge is a community service organization, part of an international organization

composed of business and professional individuals who respond to the unique needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, The Club's weekly meetings provide fellowship and networking with other members of the community, an opportunity to learn valuable information from programs delivered by guest speakers, and the means to both help improve the Town of Fallsburg and to assist those less-fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge has strived to improve the quality of life in its beloved community; they have donated clothing and household supplies to Safe Passage to be used to create a new beginning for women and children from abusive relationships; made food and money donations to the Fallsburg area food pantries; and has been a sponsor of the Key Club, Builders Club and a K-Kids program; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission of serving the children of the world, the members of the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge are dedicated to the students in their community; in the past 60 years, they have accomplished funding scholarships for the local high school students through raffle tickets; building the original Little League field at Krieger Park; raising money for a van for disabled children, donating money to CASA for children's court and help for abused children, establishing the Bring Up Grades (BUG) program which encourages the Fallsburg Elementary School students to do better in school; supplying outerwear to the school for students without proper winter attire; and donate books to Head Start and Fallsburg Elementary; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the betterment of its community, the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge has helped many worthy causes through their fundraisers such as pancake breakfasts, raffles, and Mother's Day Plant

Sales; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of President Deborah Jacobsen, the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge has expanded to 26 members including some who reside in not only the Town of Fallsburg but also other neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction such as the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge 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 commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge on September 15, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deborah Jacobsen, President, Kiwanis Club of Woodridge.