



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 09-032

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CONCERNING THE HONORING OF ROTARIANS AND THE ROTARY CLUBS OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, The first Rotary Club was formed in 1905 by Chicago attorney Paul P. Harris, and the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed in 1910; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is fortunate to have over 60 Rotary Clubs serving the communities of this state; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, the Denver Rotary Club, the 31st club in all of Rotary and the first in Colorado with its charter issued on December 1, 1911, will be celebrating its centennial year; and

WHEREAS, In 1922, because Rotary branches had by then been formed on six continents, the name was changed to Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Members of Rotary Clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, There are 33,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, and the clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary International's main objective is service in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world, as signified by their motto, "Service Above Self"; and

WHEREAS, One of the most important objectives of Rotary is the promotion of ethical behavior in all they do, and the Four-Way Test, developed in 1932 by future Rotary International president Herbert J. Taylor, is the cornerstone of all action taken by Rotary; and

WHEREAS, The Four-Way Test consists of the following four questions:

- ! Is it the truth?
- ! Is it fair to all concerned?
- ! Will it build good will and better friendships?
- ! Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

WHEREAS, These four questions are not based on culture or religion, but are a simple checklist for ethical behavior that transcend generations and national borders; and

WHEREAS, Rotarians provide hands-on and financial help to their local communities and also join other Rotary Clubs around the world for service projects; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, the Rotary International launched its PolioPlus program with the goal of immunizing all the world's children against polio; and

WHEREAS, Since launching the PolioPlus program, Rotarians have contributed over \$600 million and tens of thousands of volunteer hours, leading to the inoculation of more than two billion children; and

WHEREAS, In the last two years, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has entrusted Rotary with a total of \$355,000,000 in matching funds for Polio eradication; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International has several programs in addition to PolioPlus, including Interact, a service club for young people ages 14 to 18, and Rotaract, a service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 2002, Rotary International partnered with universities around the world to create the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, Some of the Rotary International's most visible programs include Rotary Youth Exchange, a student exchange program for students in secondary education, and the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, which has allowed more than 38,000 men and women from 100 nations to study abroad; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, several Colorado Rotary Clubs have won the Outstanding Service Organization Award for National Philanthropy Day in Colorado, including the Denver Rotary Club in 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Clubs in Colorado work on a diverse array of projects such as creating schools in Afghanistan, mentoring at-risk children and providing youth scholarships and exchange programs, constructing clean water projects in Africa, developing playgrounds and picnic areas in Colorado, and providing medical equipment to communities in need in Colorado and all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International and the Rotary Clubs of Colorado have a spirit of service that has positively affected Colorado and the world in many ways with their numerous projects and commitment to community; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That the General Assembly hereby congratulates the Rotarians of Colorado for their many years of selfless service to their communities and to the world, their commitment to those in need, and the many volunteer hours and monetary donations that have been made by Rotarians to further their goals of peace, service, and high ethical business standards around the world.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Sue Fox, President of the Rotary Club of Denver, Steve Cantrell, District Governor of Rotary International District 5450, and D.K. Lee, Rotary International President.

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