



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois congratulate Rotary International on its
4 100th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, To celebrate Rotary's centennial anniversary, the
6 organization is taking time to reflect on all its
7 accomplishments over the years; throughout 2005, there will be
8 several events and volunteer efforts that will carry on the
9 spirit of service to the community that began so many years
10 ago; and

11 WHEREAS, Rotary International was established in Chicago
12 on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris; Mr. Harris founded
13 Rotary International with the mission of promoting benevolence
14 amongst club members and the community; as Rotary International
15 began to expand, so did its mission of service to the
16 community; with a motto of "Service Above Self", they inspire
17 members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high
18 ethical standards, and promote good will and peace throughout
19 the world; and

20 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation, a not-for-profit
21 organization, was formed in 1928 for the purpose of funding the
22 many projects sponsored by Rotary International; today,
23 contributions to the foundation total more than \$80 million
24 dollars annually; this money supports a wide range of programs
25 that enable citizens of the world to function better within
26 their communities; and

27 WHEREAS, In 1985, Rotary International began one of its
28 most ambitious missions, and that was to eradicate the world of
29 polio; through their program, Polio Plus, they coordinated with
30 the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control
31 and Prevention, and UNICEF to provide polio immunizations to

1 children around the world; and

2 WHEREAS, Rotary International has grown exponentially over
3 the last 100 years; from its humble beginnings in Chicago to a
4 world-wide organization, Rotary now boasts 1.2 million members
5 who belong to over 31,000 clubs in more than 165 countries; in
6 Illinois alone, there are 14,500 Rotary members in 330
7 different clubs; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we do hereby proclaim February 23, 2005 as Rotary International
11 Day in Illinois and encourage all citizens to be cognizant of
12 the many great services this organization provides to people
13 throughout the world.