

**No. R-154. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Ludlow Rotary Club on its 90th birthday.**

(H.C.R.120)

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, the Rotary International motto “Service Above Self” is the central operating principle of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), and

Whereas, the origins of Rotary International date to 1905 when Paul Harris, who attended Ludlow’s Black River Academy, organized the Rotary Club of Chicago, and at the Black River Academy Museum, the academy’s former home, the LRC maintains a Rotary exhibit, and

Whereas, on December 4, 1926, a group of Ludlow residents, representing businesses, the professions, and the trades, in accordance with Rotary’s tenets, met in the dining room of the Okemo Tavern, establishing the Ludlow Rotary Club and electing Olin Gay as the local club’s first president, and

Whereas, a month later, on January 13, 1927, Rotary International granted the Ludlow Rotary Club an official organizational charter, and

Whereas, high ethical standards in the conduct of business and personal relationships, community service, and the fostering of international goodwill are fundamental to the Ludlow Rotary Club, and

Whereas, the awarding of scholarships, having now totaled nearly \$200,000.00, to eligible graduating high school seniors from Cavendish, Mount Holly, Ludlow, and Plymouth is central to the LRC’s mission, and

Whereas, the LRC conducts a number of fundraising events for worthy causes, and among these fun activities are the Okemo Bike Hill Climb, the Ludlow Rotary Chili Cook-off, and the Ralph Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race, and

Whereas, the LRC supports Rotary’s international projects, including the fight to eradicate polio, support for areas sustaining natural disaster damage, and its own special solar installation project at a Ugandan orphanage, and

Whereas, 2017 marks the LRC’s 90th birthday, and in celebration, the club’s first 2017 luncheon meeting, held at DJ’s Restaurant in Ludlow with LRC President Tesha Buss presiding, featured a festive birthday cake to mark the historic occasion, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Ludlow Rotary Club on its 90th birthday and extends best wishes for its future success, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Ludlow Rotary Club.