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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 100
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February 7, 2005

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF PAUL P.
2 HARRIS AND THE FOUNDERS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ON THE
3 ORGANIZATION'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, on February 23, 1905, a group of friends led by Paul P. Harris met
5 in Chicago to establish a professional club in their community; and

6 Whereas, because the early meetings of this group rotated among the
7 businesses in the area, the name "Rotary" was chosen for this newly formed
8 organization; and

9 Whereas, the popularity of Rotary increased, and clubs quickly formed
10 throughout the United States and around the world; and

11 Whereas, in 1922, the name Rotary International was adopted; and

12 Whereas, Paul P. Harris died on January 27, 1947, at the age of 79; and

13 Whereas, today, more than 1.2 million business and professional leaders
14 belong to over 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries worldwide; and

15 Whereas, for 100 years, Rotary members have been committed to serving
16 their communities by participating in projects that address important issues such as
17 illiteracy, poverty, hunger, children-at-risk, career development, and global health
18 concerns; and

19 Whereas, Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures,
20 races, and creeds; and

21 Whereas, the existence of Rotary has made a tremendous difference in the
22 communities in which we live; Now, therefore,

23 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

24 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Paul P.
25 Harris and the founders of Rotary International for their role in establishing the world's
26 first service organization.

27 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates Rotary International on
28 its 100th anniversary and commends the organization for its continued service around
29 the world.

- 1 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
2 resolution to the president of Rotary International.
3 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.