

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2005-10
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the president of Rotary International.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of
March, 2005.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives