

Senators Bieda, Knezek, Young, Ananich and Hood offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 30.

A resolution of tribute honoring the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International.

Whereas, In 1915, Kiwanis International began its remarkable history in Detroit, Michigan. The club began as a fraternal group committed to connecting young businessmen with opportunities, but over the course of the last century, they have gone on to serve local communities and the world. On January 21, 2015, Kiwanis celebrated its 100th Anniversary and continues the legacy that began so long ago; and

Whereas, Kiwanis quickly expanded its membership to cities across the United States and into Canada within the first few years it was established. Over the last 100 years, the mission of the Kiwanis clubs and its members remained devoted to community service and improvement of the world. The original goal of the founders was to create a club unlike any other, and they have fulfilled that promise. Kiwanis has made significant strides to reach out to people in need, especially children, through programs which aim to do work that public authorities are unable to facilitate or by funding worthy causes around the world; and

Whereas, The efforts of Kiwanis could not be made possible without the establishment of over 8,400 clubs in 96 nations and the work of over 600,000 active members. The Kiwanis family represents different cultures and creeds, while they are united under their slogan to “Serve the Children of the World.” Kiwanis members are community leaders who value community service and spend countless hours each year completing service projects; and

Whereas, Kiwanis continues to demonstrate their devotion to local communities and translating that passion to global efforts through the work of its members. The satisfaction members receive from giving back is the motivation for the clubs to continue their work for years to come. Kiwanis International will continue to be a beacon of light for our most vulnerable citizens and lead the world in accomplishing service work for those who need it most; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute in honor of Kiwanis International on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary of its founding on January 21, 2015; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Kiwanis International headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Kiwanis Club No. 1 in Detroit, where the organization was originally founded.