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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Rotary International is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create lasting change in communities across the globe; and

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WHEREAS, The Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world; and

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WHEREAS, In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus to immunize the children of the world against polio; in 1988, the organization helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative; partners in this initiative include the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

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WHEREAS, Since 1988, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

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WHEREAS, Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which would be leveraged for maximum impact by an additional \$100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda

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1 Gates Foundation; and

2 WHEREAS, These efforts are providing much-needed
3 operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and
4 educational materials for health workers and parents; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition, Rotary has played a major role in
6 decisions by government partners to contribute more than \$8
7 billion to the effort; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout the State, there are over 11,700
9 Rotarians in more than 330 clubs that sponsor service projects
10 to address critical issues in their local communities and
11 abroad, including poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and
12 the environment; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare October 24,
15 2019 as World Polio Day in the State of Illinois; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to Rotary International as an expression of our
19 esteem and respect.