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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, there are over 100 Rotary Clubs in Arkansas with approximately 5,000 members who serve countless Arkansans through a wide variety of service projects; and Rotary has been in Arkansas since 1913 when the first Rotary Club in the state, the Rotary Club of Little Rock, was organized; and

WHEREAS, Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders; and Rotary youth programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education, and learn the value of service; and

WHEREAS, Rotary Youth Programs include Rotaract clubs, Interact clubs, Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholars at the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service; and

WHEREAS, according to the mission statement of Rotary International, "[t]he mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders"; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem solvers who envision a world in which people unite and



take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in their communities, and in themselves; and there are more than 32,000 clubs around the world that work together to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water and sanitation and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies; and

WHEREAS, Rotary started with the vision of Paul P. Harris, a Chicago attorney who formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on February 23, 1905, as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships; and Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" and the organization's commitment to service is exemplary and ongoing,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate proclaims February 19, 2019, as "Rotary Day" at the State Capitol and supports the ongoing work of Rotary International.