

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7032 of the First Extraordinary Session

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to commemorate World Polio Day.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, to date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

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 and Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are providing much-needed operation support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$8 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, there are over 6,000 Rotary members in more than seventy-five clubs throughout Tennessee that sponsor service projects to address critical issues such as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the members of Rotary International as they commemorate World Polio Day on October 24, 2019, and applaud their continuing efforts for a polio-free world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.