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IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ANN ARBOR

MRS. DINGELL: Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor. I am proud to celebrate their 100 years of service to the children, youth, and families of our Ann Arbor community.

Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan. In its early years, members focused on business networking but changed its focus to service, particularly service to children, by 1919. Following this admirable mission of service to local communities, the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor was organized on May 13, 1921 and was chartered on June 13, 1921 with 60 members. In 1922, Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor began working with the University of Michigan Hospital to provide recreation and education for children staying there, and later established a Michigan District project that enabled Kiwanis chapters to serve children in hospitals across the state. Beyond their work in hospitals, the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor has raised money through their thrift sales that contribute to a variety of local charitable organizations.

A century later, the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor continues to be a pillar of our Ann Arbor community. Since their founding, the club has inducted over 1,100 members and remains one of Michigan's largest Kiwanis Clubs. Throughout the years, the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor has made a tremendous difference in our community, completing tens of thousands of volunteer hours, and providing over \$8 million in grants and services for children, students, and families in our community. With the help of great leadership and their dedicated members and volunteers, the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor has lent its unwavering support to those in need, striving to improve our community and uplift everyone in it.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor. We are grateful for the club's century of impactful work and wish the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor continued success in service in the years ahead.