

RESOLUTION 21R-04

To request the RI Board to consider urging all governors to encourage clubs to acknowledge that personal service enhances the integrity of Rotarians

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kaibara, District 2680, Japan

1 WHEREAS, Rotary has thrived for over 100 years upon a fundamental framework
2 of integrity and ethical behavior. The phrase “act with integrity and high ethical
3 standards” is incorporated into various Rotary documents, including the Rotarian
4 Code of Conduct. Integrity is also included among the core values of Rotary, and

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6 WHEREAS, unfortunately, it is said the values of integrity and ethical behavior, so
7 characteristic of Rotarians in past eras, are fading as a distinguishing characteristic
8 of our organization, and

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10 WHEREAS, Rotarians consistently devote themselves to accomplishing tasks in an
11 ethical manner. Their cumulative record in this regard is second to none. They
12 strive to assist others on a daily basis, and are always prepared to accept
13 responsibility for their own actions. Rotary stems from these fundamental
14 characteristics, and its ultimate success depends on the development of our
15 individual character, and

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17 WHEREAS, a Rotarian develops a strong individual character by devoting him or
18 herself in this manner to the task at hand. This is the spirit of personal service, and

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20 WHEREAS, RI has lately had a tendency to overemphasize the group aspect of a
21 club’s service activities, thus inhibiting the growth of its members as individuals,
22 and delaying their development as Rotarians, and

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24 WHEREAS, Rotary’s growth in the next century will depend upon individual
25 Rotarians, and their reexamination of vocational and personal service goals. Such
26 goals will raise spirits, cultivate integrity, and realign Rotarians with the Object of
27 Rotary and the purposes of the club

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29 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
30 International consider urging all governors to encourage clubs to acknowledge
31 that personal service enhances the integrity of Rotarians and to explore, nurture,
32 and apply the spirit of personal service in their service activities.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 The spirit of individual service espoused by each Rotarian, when applied in a
- 2 group context through the performance of regular service activities, will infuse
- 3 those activities with greater vitality and further inspire their participants.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial impact on RI.