

RESOLUTION 25R-16

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a Rotarian Hope Award to honor the achievements of young people between the ages of 10 and 18

Proposer(s): District 2150, Belgium

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider establishing a Rotarian Hope Award to be presented
3 annually by club presidents or district governors to young people between the
4 ages of 10 and 18 who have distinguished themselves through a commitment, an
5 initiative, or an exceptional act in keeping with one of the seven areas of focus of
6 RI or The Rotary Foundation.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

7 This resolution requests the RI Board to establish an award honoring young
8 people between the ages of 10 and 18 for a personal initiative or a young
9 participant in the Interact or Youth Exchange programs whose commitment
10 embodies hope and the continuity of Paul Harris and Silvester Schiele's mission
11 to bring together people driven by the desire to serve.

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13 The award should be presented in the form of a letter or certificate signed by the
14 district governor or a club president and displaying the words "rewarding today
15 those who change tomorrow."

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17 It is important that officers at the club and district level seek out and officially
18 recognize young people within this age range who stand out for their exceptional
19 work and who may one day become Interactors, Rotaractors, or Rotarians
20 themselves. These young people have the potential to become ambassadors of our
21 values and improve future recruitment for the organization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
23 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
24 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal. To administer this
25 award, Rotary would need to develop an internal system to collect youth data.

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27 Rotary Code of Policies section 43.110., New Award or Recognition Proposals,
28 outlines the general guidelines for adopting a new award or recognition program.