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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING KAREN MCGRATH FOR THIRTY-NINE YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CRANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Introduced By: Senators Vargas, Gallo, and Patalano

Date Introduced: June 06, 2025

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Karen McGrath, branch librarian at the Auburn branch of the Cranston
2 Public Library, is retiring after a forty-five-year career in Rhode Island public libraries; and
3 WHEREAS, Karen earned her Master of Library Science from Simmons College and has
4 served the residents of Cranston as the Auburn branch librarian for thirty-nine years; and
5 WHEREAS, During her tenure at the library, Karen started a program to bring books to
6 homebound library patrons in 1996, and that program evolved into the Books @ Home program
7 which has been providing library materials to homebound patrons of Cranston for twenty-nine
8 years; and
9 WHEREAS, Karen was a longtime Trustee at the Tyler Free Library in Foster, is also a
10 longtime member of the Rhode Island Library Association (RILA), and has served for twenty
11 years on the RILA conference committee; and
12 WHEREAS, Karen has been recognized nationally by the American Library Association
13 for her work with the Books @ Home program, and in 2013, was honored with RILA’s Service
14 Award in recognition of her two decades as RILA Conference Committee Chair; now, therefore
15 be it
16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby joins the members and
17 staff of the Cranston Public Library in extending heartfelt best wishes to Karen McGrath. We
18 furthermore thank her for her dedicated service to Rhode Island libraries and wish her a happy
19 and well-deserved retirement; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Karen McGrath.

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