

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Baginski, Potter, McNamara, Lima, Paplauskas,  
Bennett, Chippendale, Fogarty, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: June 12, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

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 House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
17 joins the members and staff of the Cranston Public Library in extending heartfelt best wishes to  
18 Karen McGrath. We furthermore thank her for her dedicated service to Rhode Island libraries  
19 and wish her a happy 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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