

**No. R-105. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Lawrence Memorial Library in Bristol on its centennial anniversary.**

(H.C.R.78)

Offered by: Representatives Sharpe of Bristol and Fisher of Lincoln

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, in 1911, Bristol businessman and Addison County Sheriff William Lawrence built a public library building at 40 North Street, in honor of his late wives, Minnie Peet Lawrence and Lockie Partch Lawrence, both of whom had been active in the Bristol Library Association, and

Whereas, he sold the new library to the town of Bristol for \$1.00, subject to the municipality's agreeing to appropriate continuing operating funds, and

Whereas, in 1998, a side entry with a wheelchair lift was added to the colonial revival white clapboard structure; in 2000, extensive basement renovations created a new children's room; and most recently, in 2002, the library's main floor was renovated to maximize the allocation of space, and

Whereas, despite these structural improvements, the library retains its original simple charm and welcoming appearance, and

Whereas, during the past century, the Lawrence Memorial Library has served as a center for reading enjoyment and community cultural activities, and

Whereas, the Lawrence Memorial Library has kept current with recent technological advances, including the establishment of an informative Internet Webpage; the introduction of an online catalogue; and the creation of the

One-World Library Project, a collection of personally recommended books, films, and other media; and patrons can follow happenings at the Lawrence Memorial Library through Facebook and Twitter, and

Whereas, in celebration of its centennial anniversary, the Lawrence Memorial Library has scheduled a year-long calendar of commemorative events that kicked off with a centennial all-day birthday bash—a party that comes once a century, and also includes the publication of a commemorative cookbook, a poetry month, a plant sale, a celebratory dinner and dance, a century-of-stories day, a harvest festival, and other enjoyable activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Lawrence Memorial Library in Bristol on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lawrence Memorial Library Director Nancy Wilson.