

**No. R-494. House concurrent resolution honoring Burlington Fletcher Free Library co-director Amber Collins.**

(H.C.R.384)

Offered by: Representatives Krowinski of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, for 45 of the 139-year history of Burlington's Fletcher Free Library, Amber Collins has contributed to its mission of serving the evolving educational and cultural needs of the Greater Burlington community, and

Whereas, her rise from an entry level circulation desk job to co-director and assistant director is a testament to her skills and dedication to the furtherance of the Fletcher Free Library's worthy mission of community service, and

Whereas, when Amber Collins arrived at the Fletcher Free in 1967, the aging Carnegie building, which had served as the library's home since 1904, was in need of rejuvenation, and

Whereas, her placement at the circulation desk was only temporary as Amber Collins would oversee building and grounds as well as the financial and personnel portfolios during the ensuing years, and

Whereas, other positions Amber Collins has held include head of acquisitions and adult services librarian, and

Whereas, as a way to bolster her credentials, and be of more knowledgeable and useful service to library patrons, in 1985, Amber Collins earned her Vermont librarian certification, and

Whereas, the years of her tenure at the Fletcher Free Library featured highpoints in its history, including the listing of the original Carnegie building on the National Register of Historic Places (1974); the stabilization and external repair of the building (1977); and the opening in 1981 of a modern addition, greatly expanding and improving the library's facilities, and

Whereas, in 1992, Amber Collins was appointed one of the three original co-directors of the Fletcher Free Library, and in 1997, she added the duties of assistant director, and

Whereas, for 45 years, Amber Collins has served as an outstanding librarian and senior manager at the Fletcher Free Library, and on the occasion of her retirement, an expression of legislative praise and best wishes is in order, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Burlington's Fletcher Free Library co-director Amber Collins and extends to her best wishes for the future, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Amber Collins and to the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington.