

No. R-291. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Bear Pond Books in Montpelier on its 40th anniversary.

(S.C.R.36)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

Whereas, on August 3, 1973, Michael Katzenberg established Bear Pond Books on Main Street in Montpelier, and

Whereas, in the subsequent years, Bear Pond Books became a popular destination for the book-loving public, and

Whereas, in 1992, an expanding patronage and inventory resulted in Bear Pond Books' moving across Main Street to a larger and more commodious retail space, and

Whereas, Bear Pond Books became not merely a purveyor of books, but also a gathering place for interesting presentations from authors representing a variety of literary genres, and

Whereas, in October 2006, after 33 years of successful book entrepreneurship, Michael Katzenberg and his wife, Linda Prescott, sold Bear Pond Books to Claire Benedict and Rob Kasow, and

Whereas, as the owners of Rivendell Books in Montpelier, Claire Benedict and Rob Kasow were committed to continuing Bear Pond Books' traditions of local ownership and community involvement, and

Whereas, despite the predominance of large chain bookstores and more recently, online sales, Bear Pond Books has worked successfully to overcome the challenges confronting independent booksellers, and

Whereas, on Saturday, August 3, 2013, the owners and staff of Bear Pond Books and the store's loyal and enthusiastic customers celebrated its 40th anniversary with special events, including birthday cake and many prizes, and

Whereas, Bear Pond Books exemplifies the best attributes of a locally owned independent bookstore, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bear Pond Books in Montpelier on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bear Pond Books.