

**No. R-200. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Karen Lane on her exemplary librarianship as Director of the Aldrich Public Library in Barre.**

(S.C.R.23)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, and Walz of Barre City,

*Whereas*, for over a quarter of a century, Karen Lane has served as a dynamic and innovative library executive, whose attention to all aspects of her job has brought first-class public library service to her patrons, and

*Whereas*, during her tenure, the Aldrich Public Library has evolved technologically, integrating the latest digital advances, and

*Whereas*, these enhancements have included converting the traditional card catalog to an automated system; adding an e-books circulation service; and, more recently, installing a new fiber connection to the Internet, expediting the speed at which the online world arrives on patrons' computer and mobile device screens, and

*Whereas*, Karen Lane's perseverance and vision were essential for the success of the 1990s building expansion project that nearly doubled the library's square footage and made the building accessible for persons with handicaps, and

*Whereas*, her leadership in this effort included promoting the successful passage of bond issues in Barre City and Barre Town, and

*Whereas*, librarians are first and foremost reader advocates, and Karen Lane has fulfilled this role enthusiastically as chair of the Authors-at-the-Aldrich annual series and through her support of the Learning for Life Committee's summer author series, and

*Whereas*, Karen Lane's passion for Barre's history has been demonstrated through her improvement of the library's local history collection, restoration of the Aldrich's historic paintings, and enthusiasm for the reconstruction of Barre's iconic Labor Hall, and

*Whereas*, in 2014, the Vermont Library Association presented Karen Lane with its Sarah C. Hagar Award for outstanding service and significant contributions to the field of librarianship, and, in June 2015, she is concluding her remarkable career at the Aldrich Public Library, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Karen Lane on her exemplary librarianship as Director of the Aldrich Public Library in Barre, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Karen Lane and the Aldrich Public Library.