

**No. R-58. House concurrent resolution honoring Mariette Bock for her extraordinary devotion to the Whiting Library in Chester.**

(H.C.R.46)

Offered by: Representatives Forguites of Springfield, Emmons of Springfield, and Bock of Chester

Whereas, the success of a public library is assessed in large measure by the effectiveness of its librarian and board of trustees, and

Whereas, typically, an individual will serve in either one of these roles, but not both, and usually not at the same library, and

Whereas, Mariette Bock is a special exception to this practice, as she has worked with great passion at the historic Whiting Library of Chester as both a staff member and a trustee, and

Whereas, from 1986 until 1989, Mariette Bock served as the respected library director, combining her love of books and excellent administrative skills into a solid work performance, and

Whereas, in 1989, Mariette Bock transitioned to assuming responsibility for the treasurer's portfolio as a newly designated member of the Whiting Library Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, although in 1993 she relinquished the treasurer's duties and left the board, the superb quality of her work made a lasting impression, and

Whereas, in 2010, Mariette Bock agreed to serve a new term as both trustee and treasurer, and

Whereas, despite her involvement with a number of other local organizations, the major time commitment she allocated to her treasurer's duties enabled the Whiting Library to improve its administrative operations, and

Whereas, she secured substantial financial support from the business community, greatly assisting the library in meeting its annual operating budget, and

Whereas, Mariette Bock devoted innumerable hours to enhancing the Whiting Library's donor database, improving its accuracy and institutional value as a fundraising tool, and

Whereas, in the nonfinancial sphere, the beauty of the Whiting Library's gardens is due to her planting, weeding, and associated efforts, and

Whereas, in March 2019, Mariette Bock will conclude her official role at the Whiting Library, but she leaves an enduring and appreciated legacy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Mariette Bock for her extraordinary devotion to the Whiting Library in Chester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mariette Bock and to the Whiting Library.