

## 2015-J2316

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Maplewood Community Library upon the occasion of its designation as an Honorable Mention in the 2015 School Library of the Year Contest by the Rochester Regional Library Council

WHEREAS, Library programs provide the means for individuals to enter a lifetime of learning while gaining cultural understanding and the enhancement of global communication skills; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary library institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Maplewood Community Library upon the occasion of its designation as an Honorable Mention in the 2015 School Library of the Year Contest by the Rochester Regional Library Council, to be celebrated at its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at Casa Larga, Fairport, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Rochester Regional Library Council (RRLC) is a multi-type library network serving libraries and library systems in the five-county Rochester region of Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Wayne and Wyoming counties; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the RRLC recognizes outstanding libraries which have provided exceptional service to the citizens of its community; and

WHEREAS, The Maplewood Community Library, a branch of the Rochester Public Library, has been an invaluable resource for residents of the City of Rochester since 1959; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of its community for over five decades, this remarkable institution has continually strived to provide outstanding service to a diverse population of neighborhood residents; its dedicated staff are always willing to go out of their way to help readers; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Maplewood Community Library offers assistance to immigrants and recent refugees by offering such programs as English language tutoring, temporary child care, and computer classes; and

WHEREAS, With an atmosphere of caring, the Maplewood Community Library works to provide a safe environment for children, helping them succeed through homework assistance literary aides and tutors, and special age-appropriate activities; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Maplewood Community Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous guidance of Branch Manager Johanna Buran, the Maplewood Community Library will continue to help young people and adults to learn, think critically, and create and share knowledge for many more years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Maplewood Community Library upon the occasion of its designation as an Honorable Mention in the 2015 School Library of the Year Contest by the Rochester Regional Library Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Johanna Buran, Branch Manager, Maplewood Community Library.