

2013 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

Commending John Marshall Library.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2013

WHEREAS, John Marshall Library in Alexandria celebrates its 50th anniversary on April 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, opened as a storefront library in the Rose Hill Shopping Center in Franconia on April 22, 1963, John Marshall Library was the eighth branch of the Fairfax County Public Library; and

WHEREAS, then the largest branch library in the area, John Marshall Library was 2,450 square feet and could house 20,000 books and seat 18 adults and 4 children; and

WHEREAS, in John Marshall Library's early days, circulation of the 6,000-volume collection was limited to one fiction and one non-fiction title for each adult card and one fiction, one non-fiction, and one easy title for each juvenile card; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 John Marshall Library moved to its new location and officially opened for business on February 18, 1975; and

WHEREAS, the new John Marshall Library building had over five times the floor space of the original and could house 24,000 adult books and 14,000 children's books; and

WHEREAS, fronted by beautiful gardens, John Marshall Library became a cultural landmark in the Rose Hill and Bush Hill communities; and

WHEREAS, today, John Marshall library and its helpful staff continue to strive to meet the needs of the public, offering large collections of books, eBooks, newspapers, and magazines; and

WHEREAS, serving the community in many other ways, John Marshall Library provides meeting spaces, offers early literacy programs, and partners with local schools for educational initiatives; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, the staff and administrators of the John Marshall Library have promoted and fostered the growth of knowledge in the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That John Marshall Library hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John Marshall Library as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the library's tradition of service to the public.

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