

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Boone County Public Library's 40th anniversary.

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the firmament of this Commonwealth, having served as both hubs of intellectual growth and indelible community assets that act as cultural and historical markers of a town's change and the improvement of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Boone County Public Library is one such place. Originally conceived by the Association for Boone Library Encouragement and realized by the voters of Boone County on November 6, 1973, the building opened its doors on October 17, 1974, and a generation of Boone Countians have prospered because of the diligent service and selfless sacrifices made by all those who have helped to make the library one of the finest in this great Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Boone County Public Library has seen much growth in its 40 years of existence. In 1989, due to the changing needs of the citizens, the Lents Branch Library opened in Hebron. Branches in Florence, Union, Walton, Petersburg, and Burlington have followed, and on January 5, 2008, the new Main Library was dedicated; and

WHEREAS, through its different iterations and myriad changes, the Boone County Public Library has kept to its mission of serving Boone Countians and making the community a better, more enlightening place to live, work, and study. The library collections offer more than 400,000 books, videos, DVDs, audiotapes, and CDs, and the knowledgeable staff work hard to help library patrons find and use the knowledge the library dutifully collects; and

WHEREAS, the Boone County Public Library has operated for 40 years with integrity and the unique purpose of affording the citizens of Boone County with more enlightening, fulfilling lives. This body hereby congratulates the staff, the patrons, and the donors who allow the library to continue its work of communal education, and wishes all those who diligently help in its day-to-day functions the best of luck as they continue to serve the citizens of their community and strive for the common good;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby congratulate all those associated with the Boone County Public Library upon the 40th anniversary of the institution, and thank the staff for the hours of selfless service they have given to making sure the library continues to thrive.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Boone County Public Library.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator John Schickel for delivery.