

NO. R-41. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
THE HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ON THE DEDICATION OF ITS
NEW HOME IN THE HISTORIC HUNTINGTON UNION MEETING
HOUSE.

(H.C.R.11)

Offered by: Representatives Minter of Waterbury and Stevens of
Waterbury

Whereas, the original Huntington Meeting House was built in 1836, and in
1870, a new building, known as the Union Meeting House, was erected on the
original site, and

Whereas, in 1968, a community library opened in Huntington's Lower
Village in the home of a resident, and

Whereas, from this modest beginning, this community institution dedicated
to literary pursuits has evolved into one of Vermont's premier small town
public libraries, and

Whereas, in the early 1970s, the library relocated to a small building located
on the Huntington town green, and later, the town hall, the Fuller House, and
the Union Meeting House addition each served as its temporary home, and

Whereas, during the 1990s, the Huntington Public Library initiated a
number of innovative projects that expanded the scope of the collection and
services, including dedicating a new children's book to each new baby in
Huntington and the Adopt-An-Author program that encouraged library patrons
to purchase their favorite author's new book for the library, and

Whereas, although the Huntington Public Library was satisfying state
library standards and becoming an increasingly popular local destination, the

physical limitations of its different homes inhibited the library's full potential, and

Whereas, in order to establish a permanent and commodious home that could serve as both Huntington's public library and community center, a multi-year fundraising campaign and construction effort was conducted to refurbish the historic Union Meeting House as the new library, and

Whereas, the work of many volunteers and the generosity of area businesses resulted in the library occupying its new home during 2005, and

Whereas, since opening its doors, the Huntington Public Library has inaugurated a state-of-the-art computerization system, installed new shelving, and built a large custom-made service desk to serve its patrons, and

Whereas, the library, under the exemplary professional leadership of librarian Anne Cary Dannenberg, now hosts lectures and forums, and the collection has expanded to near 10,000 printed and electronic materials, and

Whereas, in celebration of the library's wonderful new home, the Huntington Public Library trustees hosted a dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 5, 2008, and during the month of October 2008, the United States Post Office in Huntington will sold a special commemorative cancellation in the library's honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Huntington Public Library on the dedication of its new home in the historic Union Meeting House, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Anne Cary Dannenberg at the Huntington Public Library and to Huntington town clerk Heidi Racht.