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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 25, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Northeast Regional Library on its 50th  
2 anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, In 1955, the Free Library of Philadelphia developed  
4 the concept of the regional library, which would serve as a  
5 branch for its immediate area, and also as a bridge between the  
6 comprehensive collections of the Central Library and the more  
7 modest resources offered by neighborhood branches; and

8 WHEREAS, A proposal to build the first regional library was  
9 approved for the 1957-1962 capital budgets and on July 11, 1962,  
10 ground was broken for the Northeast Regional Library, the first  
11 in a proposed series of regional libraries that would be built  
12 in each geographical sector of the city; and

13 WHEREAS, The area served by the Northeast Regional Library  
14 encompasses land that was originally Lower Dublin Township and  
15 parts of Oxford and Delaware Townships; and

1       WHEREAS, The city's northeast saw rapid development after  
2 World War II and large tracts of vacant land were soon filled  
3 with thousands of homes and retail shopping areas; and

4       WHEREAS, The site selected for the Northeast Regional Library  
5 is located in the heart of the northeast shopping complex near  
6 the Roosevelt Mall, which also opened in the early 1960's; and

7       WHEREAS, The Northeast Regional Library offers a collection  
8 of more than 150,000 books divided into four subject  
9 departments, including the children's department, and a fifth  
10 department offers an extensive collection of periodicals and  
11 newspapers; and

12       WHEREAS, Each department occupies an entire floor of the  
13 building and the lowest level is an auditorium meeting room; and

14       WHEREAS, The children's department of the library opened in  
15 October 1963 and the adult departments opened in December 1963;  
16 and

17       WHEREAS, In 1998, the library was renovated as part of the  
18 "Changing Lives" campaign, which brought Internet service to  
19 every branch; and

20       WHEREAS, The Northeast Regional Library is second only to the  
21 Central Library in size, available resources and number of  
22 staff; and

23       WHEREAS, The Northeast Regional Library serves the greater  
24 northeast area of Philadelphia as a regional library and serves  
25 the entire city for research; therefore be it

26       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the  
27 Northeast Regional Library on its 50th anniversary on December  
28 5, 2013, and its many years of service to its community.