

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-327

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 10, 2020

To recognize Susan Haight for her volunteer service as a library advocate for the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Federation of Friends of D.C. Public Library is the membership organization for the community-based Friends groups that support their local branches. The Federation and Friends groups are strong advocates for D.C. Public Library services, programs, and facilities, at the community level and before the Council of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Public Library Friends groups organized and created the DCPL Federation of Friends in 1990 to maximize their advocacy, to strengthen their fundraising, and to share skills and talent;

WHEREAS, Susan Haight served as President of the Federation of Friends for more than a decade, transforming it into a powerful and effective advocacy organization on behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Susan Haight also serves and will continue to serve as the President of the West End Library Friends;

WHEREAS, Susan Haight spearheaded numerous successful advocacy campaigns which resulted in millions of dollars in resources for D.C. Public Library, significantly improving the collections, programs, technology, and facilities of the Library;

WHEREAS, under Susan Haight's leadership, the advocacy and support of the DC Public Library Friends groups and the DCPL Federation of Friends were instrumental in securing

funding to modernize the historic Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, which opened successfully to the public in September 2020;

WHEREAS, Susan Haight has worked tirelessly to promote the vital services of the DC Public Library to residents throughout the District;

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Federation of Friends grew in size and influence, including the establishment of new Friends groups at several neighborhood libraries;

WHEREAS, Susan Haight nurtured future leadership for the Federation, serving as a mentor and friend to everyone in the library community.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That the Council recognizes Susan Haight for her outstanding contribution and invaluable service to the Federation of Friends of D.C. Public Library.

Sec. 2. This resolution may be cited as the “Susan Haight Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.