

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING THE SOUTH END BRANCH
OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the South End Branch of the Ferguson Library is celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1960s it became clear that there was a need for library services in Stamford's South End, and in 1970 the Ferguson Library's South End Branch was established in the Lathon Wider Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the South End Branch began with a modest collection and has grown to house a diverse collection of more than 12,000 items, including Spanish language and French/Creole materials, self-help materials, popular reading and children's books ; and

WHEREAS, the South End Branch has become an integral part of the South End community as the neighborhood continues to grow and change: Person-to-Person distributes food to families each week from the Library's parking lot and the branch offers free lunches to kids during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the South End Branch offers many educational and recreational programs to the diverse community it serves, including parent/child workshops, Homework Cafe, music and cultural programs, a young readers book club, and a long-running adult book discussion that focuses on African and African-American authors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Board of Representatives congratulates the South End Branch of the Ferguson Library on its 50th Anniversary.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
This 3rd day of February, 2020*

Matthew Quinones, President
30th Board of Representatives

Susan Nabel, Clerk
30th Board of Representatives