

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 634

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3 *Commending Martha Hutzel.*
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8 WHEREAS, in 2024, Martha Hutzel retired from the Central Rappahannock Regional Library after more
9 than 37 years of service to the library system and a transformative eight-year tenure as director; and

10 WHEREAS, over the course of her distinguished career, Martha Hutzel held numerous leadership
11 positions in the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, including head of circulation for a branch location
12 and manager of three different branch locations; and

13 WHEREAS, after becoming director, Martha Hutzel guided Central Rappahannock Regional Library to
14 expand its locations and services, oversaw the development of innovative new programs, and reinvigorated
15 the library system's commitment to community service; and

16 WHEREAS, under Martha Hutzel's leadership, Central Rappahannock Regional Library worked with
17 Germanna Community College to open a joint-use library at the Barbara J. Fried Center, opened a new
18 branch location at Spotsylvania Towne Centre, and opened two satellite locations to better serve rural
19 communities; and

20 WHEREAS, Martha Hutzel enhanced existing branches through renovation and improvement projects
21 that created more space for books, more meeting and study rooms, and more privacy pods, allowing libraries
22 to accommodate more members of the public; she also expanded the Library on the Go mobile outreach
23 program, which purchased two new vans through grants in 2017 and 2019; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to physical media, Martha Hutzel oversaw a steady growth in digital materials
25 and created the Tech on the Go collection, which circulates laptops and mobile hotspots; in 2020, she helped
26 establish the IdeaSpace: Making+Media, which offers empowering technology to the public, such as booths
27 for audio and visual recording, 3D printers, laser cutters, video conversion equipment, drawing tablets, and
28 sewing and embroidery machines; and

29 WHEREAS, outside of her career with the library system, Martha Hutzel is a trusted local leader who
30 volunteers her time with numerous organizations; she is an active board member of the Fredericksburg
31 Regional Chamber of Commerce, a former president of the Rotary Club of North Stafford, and a current
32 member of the Rotary Club of Rappahannock-Fredericksburg; and

33 WHEREAS, highly respected in her field, Martha Hutzel is a past president and current member of the
34 Virginia Library Association and a member of the Public Library Association and the American Library
35 Association; and

36 WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades, Martha Hutzel received the Laurie A. Wideman
37 Enterprising Woman's Award from the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce in 2017 and the
38 Patricia Lacey Metzger Distinguished Achievement Award from the University of Mary Washington at its
39 2018 Women's Leadership Colloquium; now, therefore, be it

40 RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Martha Hutzel hereby be commended on the occasion of her
41 retirement as director of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library; and, be it

42 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to
43 Martha Hutzel as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her contributions to literacy and
44 library science in the Commonwealth.

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