

Senate Resolution No. 199

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 90th Anniversary of the Dunham  
Public Library on October 28, 2016

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Dunham Public Library; this momentous occasion will be celebrated with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, October 28, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** A local newspaper editor and civic minded citizen, George Earl Dunham became a major leader of the Greater Utica area at the turn of the twentieth century; upon his death in 1923, his will designated his father's estate to be used as a public library; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1927, Dunham Public Library was chartered and incorporated as a free public library serving the Union Free School District of Whitesboro; and

**WHEREAS,** Ten years later, Dunham Public Library was rechartered as a public library serving the geographical area of the Whitesboro Central School District, a service area encompassing Deerfield, Marcy, Schuyler, Whitesboro and Yorkville; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, the Dunham Public Library is located on Main Street in Whitesboro, New York, and is a member of the Mid-York Cooperative Library System; the Library provides all people within the community and surrounding areas the means to avail themselves of the knowledge of information they seek; and

**WHEREAS,** Remaining true to its mission, the Dunham Public Library promotes reading, knowledge, cultural enrichment, and a sense of community by providing its patrons with information resources, programs, friendly staff assistance, and an inviting place, equally accessible to all, in which to exchange ideas; and

**WHEREAS,** Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Dunham Public Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Dunham Public Library; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Dunham Public Library.