

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING ERNEST N. ABATE  
ON RECEIVING THE FERGUSON AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, April 14, 2016, Ernest N. Abate will be honored by The Ferguson Library with The Ferguson Award for his longstanding service to the Library and the Stamford community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernest N. Abate served as a captain in the Marine Corps from 1969 to 1972, serving as a trial/defense attorney, a staff judge advocate, and a military judge; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernest N. Abate was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives from 1975 to 1983, serving as the chair of the House Judiciary Committee from 1977 to 1978, and as Speaker of the House from 1979 to 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernest N. Abate has practiced law in Stamford, Connecticut since 1972 and has been active in the legal community in Stamford and throughout Connecticut, serving as the Chair of the Law Day Committee from 1975 to 1976; Chair of the Connecticut Bar Association Legislative Liaison Committee in 1976; a member of the Connecticut Law Revision Commission from 1983 to 1985; and counsel to the Stamford Board of Realtors from 1989 to 1994.

**WHEREAS**, Ernest N. Abate served five terms on Board of Trustees of The Ferguson Library, four of them as Chair, and, as a director of the Herbert & Neil Singer Foundation, was instrumental in securing funding to keep the Main Library open on Sundays; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his work for the Ferguson Library, Ernest N. Abate has served on innumerable boards and commissions throughout Stamford and Connecticut, including Stamford Hospital, Senior Services of Stamford, Kids in Crisis, Connecticut Public Television and Radio, the Mayor's Ethics Panel, and the Child Guidance Center.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford congratulates Ernest N. Abate on being honored by The Ferguson Library for his work on behalf of the Library and the Stamford Community.

*Approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016*

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk