



A Resolution of Heart-Felt Appreciation Honoring Charles G. McGraw

Resolution 2024-02

Whereas the Salina Free Library and the community it serves lost a progressive advocate and generous and knowledgeable adviser on February 5, 2024, with the death of Charles McGraw;

Whereas Charles McGraw (Chuck), was a tireless and consistent advocate of intellectual freedom and the essential role of community libraries as citadels existing to protect that freedom;

Whereas Chuck served nearly three decades on the Salina Free Library Board of Trustees in several leadership capacities including President, Vice President, and his highly valued role as long-time Treasurer, in addition to sharing his thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedures and the rules governing libraries set forth by the New York Board of Regents;

Whereas in acknowledgment of Chuck's outstanding service and contribution to the library, he received the Onondaga County Public Library Advisory Council's Trustee of the Year Award in 1992;

Whereas Chuck was involved with several community groups and organizations, including the Central New York PC Users' Group, the Planetary Society and as an advisor to Junior Achievement; and

Whereas Chuck was the co-founder and moderator of CNY's only science fiction/fantasy writers' group and a published co-author of several well-received science fiction novels; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Salina Free Library Board of Trustees, on behalf of its members and patrons:

1. honors Charles McGraw for his inexhaustible commitment to keeping the library a vital resource in the community;
2. recognizes his invaluable contributions in leading the library into the 21st century with a promising future; and
3. offers deepest condolences to his friends and family, especially his beloved wife, Nancy, and his children Edward and Nora.