

## House Resolution 21EX

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Karin Slaughter and inviting her to be recognized by the House of  
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Karin Slaughter has achieved literary fame for her thrilling crime novels  
4 and demonstrated her great passion for the written word with her support of public libraries;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Jonesboro, Georgia, Ms. Slaughter has authored 11 intricately  
7 plotted thrillers that have sold more than 25 million copies worldwide; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Slaughter has been recognized as a number one bestselling author in the  
9 United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, the Netherlands and Germany, and a number three  
10 bestselling author in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Slaughter's first published novel, *Blindsighted*, established her as a thriller  
12 writer who does not unduly glamorize crime or criminals; and

13 WHEREAS, her endearing and popular character Will Trent, who is featured in four books,  
14 is a quietly shrewd Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent who skillfully closes cases while  
15 hiding his severe dyslexia from his closest colleagues; and

16 WHEREAS, her latest book released in June 2011, *Fallen*, moves locations from her often  
17 used fictional Grant County near Augusta and Savannah to the not quite fictional Friar Tuck  
18 Road and Lady Marian Lane in the Sherwood Forest neighborhood of Atlanta; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Slaughter's passion for the written word is evident in her support of public  
20 libraries through her website [SaveTheLibraries.com](http://SaveTheLibraries.com); and

21 WHEREAS, in partnership with Amazon.com, Ms. Slaughter's most recent initiative is an  
22 original e-short story entitled "Thorn In My Side" and 100% of Ms. Slaughter's proceeds  
23 from this e-short story will go directly to the Decatur Public Library, as have the proceeds  
24 from her website's sale of her other merchandise, including t-shirts, totes, teddy bears, and  
25 dog bowls; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Slaughter hopes to continue her support of public libraries with events  
27 hosted by headlining authors at libraries around the country to raise funds and awareness; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Ms. Karin Slaughter on her amazing talent as an author,  
32 recognize her literary accomplishments, recognize her selfless support of public libraries, and  
33 invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be  
34 designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Karin Slaughter.