TRIBUTE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION’S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Whereas the Florida Library Association (FLA), a state chapter of the American Library Association, celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2020;

Whereas since 1920, FLA’s mission has been:
The Florida Library Association promotes excellence in Florida libraries by advocating strongly for libraries and providing high quality professional and leadership development for a diverse community of library staff, volunteers, and supporters.

Whereas FLA provides funding for several scholarships for students as they embark on their path to librarianship;

Whereas FLA offers a multitude of professional development opportunities for all library employees in the state;

Whereas FLA advocates for strong public and academic libraries and eagerly shares important issues with the Florida Legislature and the United States Congress;

Whereas FLA supports the values of intellectual freedom and offers protection against unwarranted privatization attempts, providing assistance to Florida libraries facing these and other challenges; and

Whereas FLA champions strong, indispensable, user-focused Florida libraries that exceed the expectations of the communities and constituents they serve; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Congratulates and commends the Florida Library Association (FLA) for 100 years of excellence in promoting library services and the library profession in the state of Florida.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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Mary W. Ghikas, Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council