Memorial Resolution Honoring Marilee Foglesong

Whereas, Marilee Foglesong demonstrated her devotion to teens and teen library services through her participation in YASD/YALSA governance and committees for over 40 years; and

Whereas, As the President of YASD in 1973/1974 and the chair of the 1996 Margaret Alexander Edwards Committee which honored Judy Blume, she served as an inspirational leader to all young adult librarians; and

Whereas, Marilee Foglesong, a long time advocate of teen literacy through her work at The New York Public Library as Young Adult Coordinator, including editing publications such as Books for the Teen Age, Celebrating the Dream, Global Beat and Abracadabra, and pioneering The New York Public Library’s first website for teens, TeenLink; and

Whereas, Marilee Foglesong’s work with the Free Library of Philadelphia and South Salem (NY) Public Library provided a grand foundation for her continuing work with communities and public libraries that extended to her volunteer service with teens in her Maryville, Tennessee community; and

Whereas, Marilee Foglesong was a champion of the very best of young adult literature and was one of the first young adult administrators to introduce some of the literature’s most cutting edge voices; and

Whereas, Marilee Foglesong served as a liaison for diverse communities connecting individuals and institutions across cultural borders; and

Whereas, Marilee Foglesong was a proponent for social justice and equality; and

Whereas, Marilee Foglesong was a lover of Broadway musicals, the plays of August Wilson, fabulous felines and Tina Turner; and

Whereas, Marilee Foglesong’s diplomacy, compassion and empathy for young people made her an effective advocate to library administrators; and

Whereas, Marilee Foglesong’s leadership, guidance, exuberance and kindness have influenced generations of librarians; now, therefore, be it
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Resolved. That the American Library Association (ALA) commends her lifetime of service and express sincere gratitude and appreciation for her service to YALSA, ALA and young adults.

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In Washington, DC

Keith Michael Fiels
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