Memorial Resolution Honoring Judith Serebnick

Whereas, The American Library Association and the broader library community lost a valued member, leader, and educator on November 30, 2009, with the death of Judith Serebnick; and

Whereas, Judith dedicated her career to intellectual freedom, beginning with her landmark research "The Relationship Between Book Reviews and the Inclusion of Potentially Controversial Books in Public Libraries"; and

Whereas, Judith was a dedicated teacher and researcher in many aspects of librarianship, including intellectual freedom, collection development, information policy in public libraries, and ethics in scholarly journal editing; and

Whereas, Judith served with excellence on the faculty of Indiana University's School of Library and Information Science from 1977 until her retirement in 1994; and

Whereas, Judith had an extensive resume of service activities, including the American Library Association, the Association of Library and Information Science Education, and the Freedom to Read Foundation; and

Whereas, Judith served as Director of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table for two years (1987-1989); and

Whereas, Judith was awarded the Indiana University's President's Award for Excellence in Teaching; and

Whereas, Judith received the 1994 Jesse H. Shera Award for Research; and

Whereas, Judith inspired and was a valued mentor for innumerable current librarians, in particular, many leaders in the intellectual freedom community, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Notes with great admiration and appreciation the contributions of Judith Serebnick over the course of her distinguished career.

2. Sends a copy of this resolution to her family members as well as to her colleagues at the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
In Boston, Massachusetts

Keith Michael Fiels
ALA Executive Director and
Secretary of the ALA Council