Memorial Resolution honoring Dr. Mary Alice Hunt

Whereas, Dr. Mary Alice Hunt dedicated her life’s work to the advancement of library services for children and young adults, and

Whereas, Dr. Mary Alice Hunt earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Florida State University and her doctorate from Indiana University; and

Whereas, Mary Alice Hunt was employed by the Tallahassee Democrat, and served as librarian for the Florida State University High School Library and then initiated her years of service in library education as an instructor of library science at FSU retiring as Professor Emeritus from the School of Library and Information Studies in 1995; and

Whereas, The media lab of the Florida State School of Library Information Services was named for her; and

Whereas, Mary Alice Hunt served the American Library Association in many significant areas: as a member of Council, Chair of the Newbery/Caldecott Committee, and a board member of the Association for Library Service to Children; and

Whereas, Mary Alice Hunt served the Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Science Honor Society as a founding member and President of the Gamma Chapter and, in 2005, was named its outstanding member, and she served the national association in many ways and as its president and in revising the bylaws upon many occasions; and

Whereas, Mary Alice Hunt, after her retirement researched and wrote a history of the School of Library Science, began painting and pastel classes and won many blue ribbons for her entries; and

Whereas, Mary Alice Hunt was a loyal Seminole fan holding football tickets every year; and her zest for life included a passion for racing, as well as total devotion to her beloved dogs; and

Whereas, Mary Alice Hunt was much loved and respected by her family, her doctoral colleagues, her friends, coworkers, and her many students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Honors Mary Alice Hunt for her lifetime of work in the library and information science profession and her significant work as a library educator.

2. Sends copies of this resolution to Mary Alice Hunt’s family, her five nieces and nephews, Kathy Hunt Alford, Sally Hunt Wood, Tim Hunt, Marshall Hunt, and Teal Hunt Mitchell and their families.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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In Boston, Massachusetts

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