RESOLUTION HONORING JEANNE SUGG

WHEREAS, Jeanne Sugg has worked in libraries ever since she graduated from Peabody College’s Library School in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Over her career, Jeanne has worked in academic, school, public, and special libraries, including managing 26 libraries in Saudi Arabia that serve expatriates working in the oil industry; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne began working at the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) in 1988 and over time held nearly every important post including director of Public Services, director of Technical Services, Assistant State Librarian & Archivist for Administration, and, since 2005, our State Librarian and Archivist; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne’s tireless efforts to improve libraries in the state of Tennessee can be seen through her leadership in many successful projects, including automating the catalog at TSLA, an enormous challenge because of the size, age and diversity of the collection; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne has always been a visionary and a gentle force for change, as evidenced by her contributions toward bringing libraries in Tennessee into the technological age, the founding and growth of the Tennessee Electronic Library, and much more; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne has been an active member of the Tennessee Library Association and a selfless contributor to its efforts; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne’s ever-positive outlook, determination, wide breadth of knowledge, and radiant smile have helped her become one of the most effective communicators and advocates for libraries; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to Jeanne’s extensive experience and accomplishments, her approachability and willingness to listen, and her active involvement throughout the state, Jeanne has served as a mentor and role model to countless young and veteran members of the library profession; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Honors and thanks Jeanne Sugg for her enduring dedication to libraries and her decades of extraordinary leadership in the state of Tennessee; and

2. Wishes Jeanne a long and happy retirement.

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