Memorial Resolution for Linda Jean Owen

Whereas, Linda Jean Owen provided exemplary service throughout her 25-year career as a Cataloger at the University of California, Riverside Libraries prior to her death on February 28, 2011; and

Whereas, In 1990, Linda joined the Council on Library/Media Technicians (COLT) and served as President, Conference Chair and Webmaster; and

Whereas, Linda served as the COLT liaison to the Steering Committee of the ALA Library Support Staff Interests Round Table (LSSIRT) and remained a member of ALA for 15 years; and

Whereas, Linda assisted COLT and LSSIRT in championing national certification programs for library support staff, laying groundwork for what has become the ALA-APA Library Support Staff Certification Program; and

Whereas, Linda was instrumental in partnering with Canada’s Library Technicians, helping to create affiliations between COLT and the Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des bibliotechniciens de l’Ontario; and

Whereas, Linda presented papers at the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and led groups of USA library staff to meet their counterparts in Australian libraries; and

Whereas, Linda was awarded the Library Mosaics’ Outstanding Support Staff of the Year Award in 1998; and

Whereas, Linda was a shining example of the finest qualities of library professionals; now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):

(1) Recognizes and celebrates the lifetime achievements of Linda Jean Owen; and

(2) Extends its members’ deepest sympathy to her surviving family, friends and colleagues; and

(3) Honors the memory of Linda Jean Owen by continuing to promote the vital work of support and advocacy for all library workers.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

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