Memorial Resolution Honoring Christy Tyson

Whereas, Christy Tyson demonstrated her devotion to teens and teen library services through her participation in YALSA governance and committees for over 30 years; and

Whereas, As the President of YALSA in 1990/1991 was a leader in service for teens and those that serve them; and

Whereas, Christy Tyson initiated Young Adult Advisory Councils (YAACs), which developed life-long library users/readers and acted as models for Libraries around the Country; and

Whereas, Christy Tyson provided YA front-line testimonies at Board Meetings, Budget Hearings and Best Books Meetings; and

Whereas, Christy Tyson was devoted to public libraries as a Young Adult Librarian and Library Administrator in Utah, Arizona, Alabama and Washington; and

Whereas, Christy Tyson set the standard for hiring library staff at all levels who were youth-friendly; and

Whereas, Christy Tyson welcomed all new members, both formally and informally, into YALSA and introduced many young people to the field of librarianship; and

Whereas, Christy Tyson enjoyed gardening, antiquing and spending time with friends, family, and her pets; and

Whereas, Christy Tyson’s leadership, guidance, exuberance and kindness have influenced generations of librarians; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA)

1. Commends her lifetime of service; and

2. Expresses sincere gratitude and appreciation for her service to YALSA, ALA, and young adults.

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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