MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR LILLIAN MILES LEWIS

Whereas Lillian Miles Lewis, who was born on March 3, 1939, in Los Angeles, California and died on December 31, 2012;

Whereas Mrs. Lewis attended Los Angeles High School, received an undergraduate degree in English from then-California State College at Los Angeles, and received a master’s degree in library science from the University of Southern California;

Whereas Mrs. Lewis was married in 1968 to U.S. Representative John Robert Lewis, who credits her with being absolutely essential to his distinguished political career, and they were blessed with a son, John Miles;

Whereas Mrs. Lewis was a source of inspiration to many in her idealism, her immense concern for her fellow citizens, and in her devotion to her family and her friends;

Whereas Mrs. Lewis diligently and conscientiously devoted a great deal of talent and energy and thousands of hours of her time toward the betterment of her community, state, as evidenced by her leadership in many Congressional Black Caucus Spouses initiatives, her service as both Associate Director of the Institute for International Affairs and Development and as Director of External Affairs in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at Clark Atlanta University; and

Whereas Mrs. Lewis' life was a model of compassion, integrity, and intelligence: now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Honors the memory of Lillian Miles Lewis and celebrates her legacy of advancing basic civil rights; and

2. Extends its sincere sympathy to her husband, U.S. Representative John Robert Lewis, and their son, John Miles.

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