

## A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING GAIL A. SCHLACHTER

Whereas Gail A. Schlachter, founder and President of Reference Service Press and member of the American Library Association Executive Board, the Council of the American Library Association, and past president of the Reference and User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, died on April 27, 2015;

Whereas she graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and earned Master's degrees in Education, American Colonial History, and Library Science from the University of Wisconsin, as well as her Ph. D. from the University of Minnesota;

Whereas she experienced librarianship from many perspectives – as an educator, librarian, manager, user, consultant, author, publisher, database producer, and passionate library advocate;

Whereas she contributed professionally and personally to every organization to which she joined through activities, positions, and establishing awards that include:

- ALA Executive Board member
- ALA Councilor-at-Large
- RUSA Division Councilor
- Chair, ALA Publishing Committee
- Chair, *American Libraries* Advisory Committee
- Editor-in-Chief, *Reference and User Services Quarterly*
- Chair, LLAMA Publishing Committee
- Treasurer, ALA Ethnic Materials Information Round Table
- Donor, Reference Service Press Award, RUSA
- Donor, Reference Service Press Fellowship, California Library Association
- Treasurer, REFORMA, California Gold Chapter
- Director, Board of Directors, California Library Association;

Whereas she was recognized by the University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Studies as “Distinguished Alumna of the Year” in 2007;

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Whereas she received numerous awards including the Louis Shores-Oryx Press Award, the Isador Gilbert Mudge Award for Distinguished Service to Reference Librarianship, Outstanding Professor at the University of Southern California,

ALA/Knowledge Industry's Award for Library Literature, Beta Phi Mu, and Ford Foundation Fellow;

Whereas she served the profession brilliantly and with charm and grace;

Whereas she was mentor, formally and informally, to countless librarians and information specialists;

Whereas she was colleague and friend to numerous ALA members and staff;  
and

Whereas she positively impacted the American Library Association in her many roles and activities throughout the years since she joined the association in 1974: now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the remarkable achievements of Gail A. Schlachter as member and leader of the American Library Association and the profession, and acknowledges her many contributions to her colleagues, friends, and other professionals; and
2. conveys its sincerest sympathy to the Schlachter family.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in San Francisco, California



Keith Michael Fiels

Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council