A Memorial Resolution Honoring Ferol Ann Accola Foos

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) lost a valued member and leader in July with the death of Ferol Ann Accola Foos (1941-2014);

Whereas Ferol Foos had a long and successful career as a librarian, both in the private sector—as the Director of Special Libraries for the Ethyl and Albemarle chemical corporations, and in the public sector—first as the Louisiana Government Information Network (LaGIN) Coordinator at the State Library of Louisiana and then later as the Louisiana Recorder of Documents, also headquartered at the State Library of Louisiana. Her tenure as recorder was from 2001 until 2012, when she retired;

Whereas she served the profession in many capacities—among them Chair of LLA’s Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), leadership positions in the Louisiana Advisory Council for the State Documents Depository Program (now the Louisiana Public Document Depository Program Advisory Council) and the Louisiana Federal Depository Library Council;

Whereas Ferol Foos received many awards for her exceptional contributions to librarianship, including the LLA GODORT Margaret T. Lane Award (2010), the LLA Lucy B. Foote Subject Specialist Award (1998), and the Special Libraries Association’s (SLA) LaSoMi Chapter’s Becky Skau Award for Excellence (1999);

Whereas she inspired other Louisiana Documents Librarians to feel that their work was part of an important and worthwhile mission; and

Whereas Ferol Foos’ dedication, energy, and high spirits will be missed by all who knew her; now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the memory and significant contributions of Ferol Foos; and

2. expresses its sincere sympathy to her friends and family, especially her daughter Elizabeth and family.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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Keith Michael Fiels
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