A Memorial Resolution Honoring Lois Mai Chan

Whereas Lois Mai Chan, a highly respected librarian, educator, researcher and author, died at the age of 80 on August 20, 2014, in Lexington, Kentucky;

Whereas her outstanding contributions to the profession include her prolific writing on subject analysis and other library issues that helped shape the modern view of information organization;

Whereas her outstanding contributions to the profession include her extensive research and writing about cataloging issues, which include more than 60 scholarly articles and numerous talks and lectures;

Whereas since joining the faculty at the University of Kentucky in 1970, she shared her enthusiasm for subject analysis and educated several generations of librarians on the art and science of cataloging;

Whereas for over thirty years her outstanding text books have made subject cataloging understandable to thousands of students and practicing librarians;

Whereas she was member of the American Library Association since 1960 serving on numerous committees including the Subject Analysis Committee, the International Relations Committee, and the executive Committee of the Cataloging and Classification Section;

Whereas she was active in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions where she a member of the Classification and Indexing Standing Committee and Knowledge Management Standing Committee, and the Working Group on the Functional Requirements for Subject Authority Records (FRSAR);

Whereas she contributed to the enhancement or creation of the major schemas for subject analysis as a consultant to the Library of Congress on the Library of Congress Subject Headings and the Library of Congress Classification and to OCLC on the Dewey Decimal Classification and the Faceted Application of Subject Terminology (FAST);

Whereas she was the 1989 recipient of the Margaret Mann Citation, the highest honor in cataloging bestowed by the American Library Association and the 2006 recipient of the Beta Phi Mu Award, presented to a library school faculty member or to an individual for distinguished service to education in librarianship; and
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Whereas in her honor, the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science has established the Lois Mai Chan SLIS Student Enrichment Fund to be used for scholarships, student travel to professional meetings or student internship programs, and poster and paper presentations; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes Lois Chan's remarkable achievements; and

2. expresses its sincere sympathy to the Chan family, including her husband S. K., her daughter Jennifer and her son Michael.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois

Keith Michael Fiels
Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council
1. Title of Resolution: Memorial Resolution for Lois Mai Chan
2. ALA Units and/or Committees Consulted (if any):
3. Endorsements by ALA Units and/or Committees (if any): Association for Library Collections & Technical Services
4. Fiscal implications: Specify the resources needed to carry out the resolution's directive(s):
5. List all parties to whom resolution should be sent:
   Mr. Shung-Kai Chan (husband)
   783 Harbor Pt
   Lexington KY 40502-3107

Chinese American Librarians Association
c/o Carol Gee
Lehman College Library
250 Bedford Park Blvd
Bronx New York, NY 10468

6. Impact on ALA Policies and Positions: Explain how the resolution supports ALA's Strategic Plan, its mission, and/or its core values:
   6a) ALA general policy or viewpoint: If the resolution sets forth a general policy or an ALA viewpoint, describe:
   6b) Change in existing policy: If this resolution necessitates a change in existing policy, state the policy number and the change:
   6c) New policy: If this resolution establishes new policy, describe:
   6d) Policy conflicts: If this resolution conflicts with existing policy, state provisions for resolving the conflict:

7. Initiating Committee or Unit (if any):
8. Pertinent Background Information, e.g. bibliography, citations, supportive quotes, URLs, etc.:
9. Mover's Name: Andrew Hart
9a) Mover's Local Telephone Number:
10 Seconder's Name: Erin Stalberg
10a) Seconder's Local Telephone Number: