

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Ned Vizzini

Whereas Ned Vizzini has contributed to the field of young adult literature reaching teen readers in the United States of America and beyond with his works translated into twenty-five languages;

Whereas he wrote *Teen Angst Naaah...? A quasi-autobiography* (Free Spirit, 2000) earning a YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults 2002 Award, detailing his high school experiences including his belief to expand the take our daughters to work day to include the same privilege to sons;

Whereas he wrote *Be More Chill* (Hyperion, 2004), a YALSA 2005 Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers Award, an Entertainment Weekly Best Book of The Year selection, a Today Show Book Club novel and a novel praised by Judy Blume, challenging readers to ponder how far they may go to be accepted;

Whereas he wrote *It's Kind of a Funny Story* (Hyperion, 2006), a YALSA 2007 Best Books for Young Adults Award, Junior Library Guild selection, New York Times Best Seller and National Public Radio Selection for Best-Ever 100 novels for teenagers, demonstrating that help is available for those facing despair;

Whereas his novel *It's Kind of a Funny Story* (Focus Features, 2010) inspired a movie adaption of the same name reaching additional teenagers through another medium;

Whereas he contributed writing to numerous anthologies, including *The girl who was on fire: your favorite authors on Suzanne Collin's Hunger Games trilogy*, *Beyond the Wall: Exploring George R.R. Martin's A Song of Ice and Fire, From a Game of Thrones to A Dance with Dragons*, *The World of the Golden Compass*, *Through the Wardrobe: Your favorite authors on C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia*, and *Triumph of The Walking Dead: Robert Kirkman's Zombie Epic on Page and Screen*, which are all of interest to young adults;

Whereas he wrote numerous short stories for collections including *Sixteen: Stories About that Sweet and Bitter Birthday*, *Guys Write for Guys Read*, and *Not Like I'm Jealous or Anything: Jealousy Book*, which are of topics that matter to young adults;

Whereas he wrote *The Other Normal* (Balzer + Bray, 2012), a Junior Library Guild selection, demonstrating the hero qualities that can be found in seemingly ordinary individuals;

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Whereas he co-authored *The House of Secrets* with Chris Columbus (Balzer + Bray, 2013), a Junior Library Guild selection and NY Times Best Seller also praised by J.K. Rowling, illustrating the bond of siblings to save their family and world;

Whereas he wrote scripts for entertainment including MTV's "Teen Wolf" which is popular among teenagers;

Whereas he co-authored *The Battle of Beasts* with Chris Columbus (Balzer + Bray, 2014) taking readers on a quest from San Francisco to ancient Rome and the mountains of Tibet to defeat an evil sorceress;

Whereas he maintained a website, blog and additional digital platforms for readers and fans to learn more about his writing and experiences in addition to offering contests for his readers encouraging reading and writing;

Whereas he extended his expertise and time with teens through his dedication to writing workshops for teenagers; and

Whereas he connected with readers, librarians and educators alike at book store, school, college and conference events; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes Ned Vizzini's lasting contributions and dedication to young adults and the library community; and
2. conveys its sincerest sympathy to the Vizzini family.

Mover: Beth McGuire, ALA member

Seconder: Elizabeth Henry, ALA member