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A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING ORVIN LEE SHIFLET

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA), and the academic library community lost a valued member and colleague on May 27, 2016, with the death of Orvin Lee Shiflet;

Whereas Lee Shiflet was a scholar, a researcher, an editor, and an author;

Whereas his first book, *The Origins of American Academic Librarianship*, is recognized as a classic text on the history of American academic libraries and has been noted as the primary source for information on literature and research on this topic published prior to 1980;

Whereas Lee Shiflet earned his Masters of Library Science degree from Rutgers University and his Doctorate in Library Science from Florida State University;

Whereas Lee Shiflet began his career in libraries at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in 1971;

Whereas he began his work in library education at Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science in 1979 and retired as Professor Emeritus in 2001;

Whereas he served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Library and Information Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro from 2001 until 2009 when he returned to teaching fulltime. In 2014 he served as interim chair until his illness and death;

Whereas Lee Shiflet was an active member of ALA, ACRL, ALISE, Louisiana Library Association, and other organizations devoted to the education of librarians; and

Whereas he is remembered for his kindness, his caring, his generosity, and his dry sense of humor, now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Orvin Lee Shiflet over the course of his career and mourns his death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to his friends and family, especially his beloved wife, Mary Ellen Hebert Shiflet.

Mover: Dana Eure, North Carolina Library Association Councilor

Second: Stephanie Braunstein, Louisiana Library Association Councilor

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