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A Memorial Resolution Honoring Trudy Seidel Jaques

Whereas the Louisiana library community and the broader library community lost a valued member and colleague on February 2, 2016, with the death of Trudy Seidel Jaques;

Whereas, in 1972, she earned a Master's Degree in Library Science from the Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Library & Information Science;

Whereas she was admitted into membership of the Beta Phi Mu International Library & Information Studies Honor Society;

Whereas Trudy Seidel Jaques served in several capacities and levels of librarianship over her career, including the following:

Librarian in the St. Mary Parish School System in Louisiana;
Assistant Director of the St. Mary Parish Library in Louisiana;
Head of Technical Services at the Mississippi Research and Development Center in Jackson, Mississippi;
Head Librarian of the Episcopal High School Library in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for 12 years; and
Assistant Director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for 19 years until her retirement in 2005;

Whereas she was a member of the Louisiana Library Association (LLA), an affiliate of the American Library Association;

Whereas she was a passionate defender of the rights of teenagers to have access to library materials on all subjects, even those that were controversial; and

Whereas Trudy Seidel Jaques encouraged many paraprofessional staff members to continue their education and get an MLIS degree, now, therefore, be it

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

(1) on behalf of its members, recognizes the significant contributions of Trudy Seidel Jaques over the course of her career and mourns her death; and

(2) extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family, especially her husband, Thomas Jaques, retired State Librarian of Louisiana.

Moved: Stephanie Braunstein—LLA Councilor to ALA

Seconded: Mary Stein—Assistant Director of Administrative Services, East Baton Rouge Parish Library