A Memorial Resolution Honoring Allene Farmer Hayes

Whereas Allene Farmer Hayes, an esteemed librarian and valued member of the technical services community and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) community;

Whereas she served as chief of the U.S. Anglo Division in the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate at the Library of Congress when she retired in 2013; and as pioneer when she helped the Library move into the digital future in her roles as Digital Project Coordinator and head of the Electronic Resources Management Team;

Whereas she held a number of other positions including U.S. Senior Congressional Fellow and Special Assistant to the Associate Librarian for Science & Technology Information and before retiring she was presented with a Presidential Medal of Commendation;

Whereas Allene Farmer Hayes lent her gifts to the American Library Association (ALA) in several capacities: as American Library Association Councilor-at-large; as a member of BCALA Executive Board, and as a member of numerous BCALA committees, including the International Relations Committee; the ALA Diversity Committee; chaired the ALA/ALCTS Electronic Resources Interest Group; and Member of the ALA International Relations Committee;

Whereas her articles on topics such as the management of electronic resources and on the field of librarianship were published in the Journal of Library Metadata, the BCALA Newsletter, and ALA’s Technical Services Quarterly, and the 21st Century Black Librarian in America: Issues and Challenges (2012), Serials Review;

Whereas Allene was also influential in the international library community, having served on the International Federation of Library Associations’ (IFLA) Standing Committee on Acquisitions, and the IFLA World Digital Library Group, and she represented The Library of Congress in several countries including South Africa, Italy, and India;

Whereas she served with distinction as president of the Daniel A.P. Murray African American Cultural Association at the Library of Congress; and

Whereas the American Library Association, and the entire library profession have sustained a great loss in the home going of Allene Farmer Hayes; now, therefore, be it
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Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

(1) recognizes the remarkable achievements of Allene Hayes and gratefully acknowledges her contributions to the profession of librarianship and her service to the Association; and

(2) expresses its sincere sympathy to her husband Thomas Hayes, two daughters Mia Hayes and Alle Hayes, and to members of her beloved family and to her many friends.

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