Memorial Resolution Honoring Sandra (Sandy) Friedman Dolnick

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), United for Libraries (the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations), as well as Friends and Advocates everywhere lost a valued member of the library community on December 11, 2016 with the death of Sandra Friedman Dolnick (Sandy Dolnick);

Whereas Sandy Dolnick first conceived of the idea of uniting Friends of Libraries through the publication of a newsletter sharing best practices when she served on a Friends Committee within the Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) in 1975;

Whereas four years later Sandy Dolnick founded Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) because of the highly successful newsletter and the many other opportunities to serve Friends groups that derived from it;

Whereas Sandy Dolnick served as executive director of FOLUSA for 23 years creating strong partnerships with publishers, corporate sponsors, and steadily growing the membership;

Whereas Sandra Friedman Dolnick was born Nov. 26, 1936 in Milwaukee, a first generation American, and was brought up with a strong work ethic and sense of community service, raising four daughters while volunteering for the local school and public library; and

Whereas Sandy Dolnick was beloved of everyone who knew her; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes and pays tribute to her national contribution to libraries by strengthening support for local libraries everywhere by building more effective Friends of the Library groups; and

2. expresses its sincere regret for the loss of this library leader to Sandy’s family.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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