

**2016-2017 ALA Memorial #7
2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting**

This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, January 24, 2017

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN ALFRED SHULER

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the academic library community lost a valued member on June 29, 2016, with the death of John Alfred Shuler;

Whereas John Alfred Shuler was a tireless, passionate advocate for the power of government information in a democratic society;

Whereas he worked to provide access to government information throughout his career, first at the University of Oregon, then at Colgate University, and finally for twenty-three years as Government Information/Documents Librarian at the University of Illinois at Chicago;

Whereas he was an active member of the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) throughout his career and served on a variety of its committees and task forces, most recently as chair of its Legislation Committee;

Whereas he served as member of the Depository Library Council from 2007-10, and as its Chair from 2009-10;

Whereas he was instrumental in the creation of the Department of State Foreign Affairs Network (DOSFAN), a collaborative effort between the University of Illinois at Chicago and the U.S. Department of State to provide electronic access to a wide range of foreign policy information;

Whereas he helped initiate Government Information Online (GIO), a free online information service supported by a number of libraries in the Federal Depository Library Program;

Whereas he was nationally known as a prolific writer and speaker on government information issues;

Whereas he served as editor for *DttP: Documents to the People*, as associate editor for *Government Information Quarterly*, as assistant editor the *Journal of Government Information*, and on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Academic Librarianship* and *Government Publications Review*;

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Whereas he was a dedicated and inspired educator who taught courses on project management, reference, cataloging, and government information at library schools throughout the country for nearly two decades, including Dominican University, the University of Maryland, and San Jose State University;

Whereas John Alfred Shuler believed that the guiding principle of government information librarianship is to support democracy and an informed citizenry; and

Whereas he was a much-admired and valued colleague, mentor, and friend in the government information community and beyond, now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of John Alfred Shuler over the course of his career and mourns his death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues, especially his beloved fiancée Susan Cherry.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, January 24, 2017, in Atlanta, Georgia



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