

***This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on
Tuesday, February 13, 2018***

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING DR. EDWIN S. GLEAVES

Whereas, the American Library Association (ALA), the Tennessee Library Association (TLA), and the library community lost a valued member and colleague on March 7, 2017 with the death of Dr. Edwin S. Gleaves;

Whereas, Dr. Gleaves served for 18 years as the State Librarian and Archivist for the State of Tennessee;

Whereas, countless library school students were inspired by his courses during the 20 years he taught at Peabody College (Nashville, TN);

Whereas, he was an active and engaged leader in the Tennessee Library Association for approximately 30 years;

Whereas, Dr. Gleaves was a tireless advocate for the use of technology in libraries and one of the earliest adopters of email, databases, and the internet;

Whereas, he envisioned, championed, and launched the Tennessee Electronic Library, which today provides residents of the state of Tennessee with access to more than 400,000 electronic resources;

Whereas, Dr. Gleaves published extensively on a variety of library issues throughout his career;

Whereas, his interests were international in scope, and, as a fluent Spanish speaker, he was a frequent guest-lecturer at libraries and library schools in Central America;

Whereas, in addition to his myriad professional achievements, Dr. Gleaves was also an avid world traveler, outdoorsman, and musician;

Whereas, he was especially known as an enthusiastic and life-long ornithologist who learned to identify birds by their calls and habits and;

Whereas, his ceaseless kindness, graciousness, leadership, and positive influence on the numerous students he taught and the vast array of librarians with whom he worked throughout his career are his true legacy, now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Dr. Edwin S. Gleaves over the course of his storied career and mourns his death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to his friends and family.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in Denver, Colorado

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary W. Ghikas".

Mary W. Ghikas
Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council