Memorial Resolution to Dr. William Chandler “Dr. Bill” Robinson
October 25, 1939 - January 9, 2021

Whereas Dr. Bill Robinson served faithfully on the faculty at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville’s School of Information Sciences Graduate Program from 1972 – 2008;

Whereas Dr. Bill Robinson was a pioneer in Distance Education and learning; from the early days of flying to Memphis, TN from Knoxville on weekends to deliver face to face instruction to delivering instruction via synchronous technological methods;

Whereas Dr. Bill Robinson was an early adopter of technology in librarianship and in his personal life;

Whereas Dr. Bill Robinson taught hundreds of librarians that still serve the profession throughout the country and world in a variety of roles in librarianship;

Whereas Dr. Bill Robinson was a passionate teacher and advocate for librarians and librarianship and sparked that passion in others;

Whereas the University of Tennessee -- School of Information Sciences has established the Dr. Bill Robinson Scholarship to help educate the next generation of librarians;

Whereas, Dr. Bill Robinson served on countless Tennessee Library Association (TLA) boards and committees and won its highest honor, the TLA Honor Award;

Whereas Dr. Bill Robinson was a lover of the book: contents, art, and artistry;

Whereas, Dr. Bill Robinson was a lifelong reader, learner, and scholar;

Whereas Dr. Bill Robinson also was a passionate railroad enthusiast, artist/photographer, and lover of cats and dogs; and

Whereas, Dr. Bill Robinson was a beloved husband, father, mentor, teacher, and friend, therefore, be it
Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the significant contributions and leadership of Dr. William C. “Dr. Bill” Robinson in teaching, mentoring, and championing librarians and librarianship for four decades;
2. expresses its appreciation and gratitude for his service to the profession; and
3. sends condolences to all that were impacted by the passing of this great teacher, mentor, and friend.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, June 29, 2021, ALA Virtual Annual Conference Council Meeting

Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director and
Secretary of the ALA Council