A Memorial Resolution Honoring John T. Ma

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) lost a valued member and a colleague on November 14, 2020, with the death of John T. Ma;

Whereas Ma received his Master of Arts in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin in 1948 and Master of Library Science from Columbia University in 1958;

Whereas John T. Ma served as a librarian, bibliographer and curator in numerous institutions such as Columbia University, Cornell University, Hoover Institution Library and Archives, University of Leiden, and The New York Public Library. Ma also served as a professor of Asian Studies at Lincoln University and at San Francisco State University; Ma gave numerous presentations in Asia including National Taiwan University, Tamkang University in Taiwan, East China Normal University, Changchun University of Science and Technology and Southeast University;

Whereas at the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), he served in numerous leadership roles in the association and received CALA Distinguished Award in 2009 for his project “Book-for-China-Fund” in 2005. He worked tirelessly and diligently to identify and share over 100,000 books and journals for academic libraries in China, particularly institutions with limited funds; Ma mentored many CALA members along the way;

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of John T. Ma over the course of his career and mourns his death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to his friends and family.

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