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2021 ALA Virtual Membership Meeting and Annual Council Meeting**

**A Memorial Resolution Honoring Dr. Vartan Gregorian**

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) lost a valued colleague on April 13, 2021, with the death of Dr. Vartan Gregorian;

Whereas Gregorian received his dual PhD in history and humanities, Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in history and humanities from Stanford University; Gregorian was born to Armenian parents in Tabriz, Iran and came to America in 1956 to study at Stanford University;

Whereas Gregorian was a distinguished educator, scholar and administrator in higher education, in a public library system and in philanthropy; Gregorian was an author of numerous publications; he served as the President of the New York Public Library (NYPL) from 1981-1989; President of Brown University from 1989-1997; and President of Carnegie Corporation of New York from 1997-2021;

Where as Gregorian served as the President of NYPL and under his leadership, he expanded services and engagements; advocated against budget cuts during these challenging times; and raised over \$10 million to fund and support major renovations and acquisitions of collections with a focus on multilingual and multicultural materials; The NYPL recognized his contributions to the city as “immeasurable”; and

Whereas Gregorian was a recipient of numerous awards, fellowships and honorary doctorates for his accomplishments; Gregorian was awarded the National Humanities Medal in 1998, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004; and France’s Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in 2017; now, therefore, be it

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

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

Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large

Secunder: Melissa Cardenas-Dow, ALA Councilor at Large

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