A Memorial Resolution Honoring Donna Scheeder

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), and Special Libraries Association (SLA) lost a valued colleague on March 7, 2022, with the death of Donna Scheeder;

Whereas Donna Scheeder worked in the Congressional Research Services of the Library of Congress for many years; she was Deputy Chief Information Officer and Deputy Director of Information in the Congressional Research Services of the Library of Congress; she also previously served as Director of Services in the Law Library of Congress; she was a member of the Library of Congress Advisory Council;

Whereas Donna Scheeder was the former president of IFLA from 2015-2017; as IFLA president, she traveled extensively and attended events in many countries to promote the role of libraries and librarians in supporting global issues such as their roles in the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals; her work helped IFLA obtain a major grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Legacy Grant in 2016;

Whereas Donna Scheeder was made an Honorary Member of IFLA based on her achievements, contributions, dedication, and service to IFLA; she also served as IFLA treasurer and served on IFLA’s Governing Board; she was very involved in the IFLA Section of Libraries and Research Services for Parliaments for many years;

Whereas Donna Scheeder was an ALA member and a member of the International Relations Round Table (IRRT), and served in the IRRT International Librarians’ Pre-Conference Committee;

Whereas Donna Scheeder was a very active member of SLA for many years; she served as SLA President in 2001 and was an SLA fellow in 1998;

Whereas Donna Scheeder presented widely on a variety of topics in library and information sciences; she promoted professional development opportunities and trainings, and she mentored many in the field;

Whereas Donna Scheeder tirelessly promoted IFLA and global librarianship to ALA members in conferences during her time as IFLA president and post presidency and was a true visionary in the profession, now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Donna Scheeder over the course of her career and mourns her death; and

2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family.
Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large

Seconder: Melissa Cardenas-Dow, ALA Councilor at Large

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