A Memorial Resolution Honoring Sandra Payne

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the New York Public Library System, the public library community, and the art community lost a valued member and colleague on July 3, 2021, with the death of Sandra Payne;

Whereas Sandra Payne was a valued member as Young Adult Librarian and Outreach Librarian throughout the New York Public Library system;

Whereas Sandra Payne served on the Printz Award Committee, the Coretta Scott King - Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, and the YALSA Board;

Whereas Sandra Payne was an accomplished visual and collage artist with a keen eye for color and pattern, and created incredible art pieces;

Whereas Sandra Payne was an advocate for connecting quality diverse young adult books with a teen readers;

Whereas Sandra Payne was passionate, knowledgeable, and a mentor to those around her; and

Whereas Sandra Payne’s true legacy lies in the profound effect she had on the countless librarians, teens, and colleagues who will forever be life-long readers, now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the memory of Sandra Payne, celebrates the legacy of her impact on the those who know her; and

2. remembers her service to ALA and YALSA; and

3. extends its sincerest condolences to her colleagues at the New York Public Library System and her family.

Mover: Elizabeth Nebeker, YALSA Councilor

Second: Matthew Bollerman, SustainRT Councilor