

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Dr. Yvonne J. Chandler

Whereas the library community lost a strong, forward-thinking leader and generous and empowering mentor on Saturday, August 8, 2020, with the death of Dr. Yvonne J. Chandler;

Whereas a graduate of Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia, Yvonne earned her Master of Science in Library Science from Atlanta University and a Doctorate in Library and Information Science from the University of Michigan;

Whereas at the time of her passing, Yvonne was an associate professor in the Department of Information Science (DIS) in the College of Information at the University of North Texas (UNT) in Denton, Texas, where she was a program director who had been employed for 27 years;

Whereas Yvonne was instrumental in the development of the UNT DIS Information Science Law Librarianship Program that has graduated more than 150 law librarians across the nation;

Whereas Yvonne was an advocate for the advancement of underrepresented populations in librarianship, equity, diversity, and inclusion who secured and administered over five million dollars of grant funding to further the education of library and information science students;

Whereas she was an award-winning professor who was the recipient of the 2016 Demco/ALA Black Caucus Award for Excellence in Librarianship, 2019 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award, and the 2020 Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award;

Whereas Yvonne served in many leadership posts, including being the 2013-2014 President of the Texas Library Association, an External Advisory Board member for the University of Michigan, School of Information; and a founding member of the Black Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries; and

Whereas she leaves a legacy of profound impact on the library profession through her tireless mentorship, demonstrated excellence through her impact on the lives of hundreds of students and librarians of color, and her teaching throughout her career, now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the legacy of Dr. Yvonne J. Chandler as a champion of librarianship and recognizes her significant contributions throughout her distinguished career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her family, colleagues at the University of North Texas, her Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Sisters, and numerous friends worldwide.

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