Memorial Resolution Honoring Susana Hinojosa

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and REFORMA lost a valued colleague on June 21, 2023, with the death of Susana Hinojosa;

Whereas Hinojosa was a reference librarian and worked with government documents over her long career; Hinojosa was hired in 1971 in UC Berkeley’s Moffitt Undergraduate Library and Reference Department and Government Documents and retired in 2009 after 38 years;

Whereas Hinojosa received her undergraduate degree in Spanish from UC Santa Barbara; Hinojosa received her Master of Library Science from UC Berkeley while working there as an assistant in the general reference service;

Whereas Hinojosa served as 2001-2002 President of REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking; Hinojosa was a mentor, and role model for many in the field; Hinojosa was a supporter of the union; Hinojosa promoted mentorship and advocacy work; Hinojosa received the Arnulfo D. Trejo Librarian of the Year Award from REFORMA in 2010;

Whereas Hinojosa was actively involved in the American Library Association; Hinojosa served in the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee in the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Division of ALA; Hinojosa was a member of National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, the California Library Association (CLA) and served in CLA’s Minority Concerns Committee; Hinojosa was a lecturer for many years at UC Berkeley’s School of Library and Information Science, where she inspired generations of librarians in her multicultural studies and outreach librarianship classes;

Whereas Hinojosa was recognized by the 150 Years of Women at Berkeley project; Hinojosa was dedicated to her work and dedicated her career to equity, mentorship, and teaching; Hinojosa was supportive of unions focused on library worker rights and equity in libraries; she was a kind mentor, colleague, and friend to many; now therefore be it
Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) and REFORMA on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Susana Hinojosa over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family.

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and Secretary of the ALA Council