

Resolution Commending Maryellen Trautman for Her Work

to Assure Public Access to Government Information

Whereas, Maryellen Trautman retired from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in 2011 after devoting her career to supporting public access to government documents and publications; and

Whereas, Maryellen Trautman served as the primary librarian responsible for the government publications collection at the NARA Library from June 1978 to December 2011 and was praised by historians and genealogists for the superb reference service given to researchers; and

Whereas, Maryellen Trautman served on the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer from 1972 to 1976 fighting for the establishment and enforcement of public service standards for depository libraries, including depository library inspections; and

Whereas, Maryellen Trautman served as the Regional Depository librarian in Oklahoma from October 1976 to December 1977, where she improved access to government information to libraries, state agencies, and the public by consolidating collections and persuading the Oklahoma State Library to increase funding for the depository program; and

Whereas, Maryellen Trautman gave generously of her talent and time to the Association of American Archivists, the District of Columbia Library Association (as membership secretary and chair of the Documents Interest Group), and the Society for History in the Federal Government (as Executive Director). The Society honored her several times and in 2003 re-named the president's award to the "Maryellen Trautman Award"; and

Whereas, Maryellen Trautman was one of the founders of the Government Documents Round Table and was honored with GODORT's Bernadine Abbott Hoduski Founders Award, and was additionally the recipient of the DCLA Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, Maryellen Trautman represented NARA on the U. S. Congressional Joint Committee on Printing's Serial Set Committee; and

Whereas, Maryellen Trautman produced the bumper sticker "NARS makes me tingle" that became the battle cry for the independence of the then National Archives and Records Service from the General Services Administration; and

Whereas, Maryellen Trautman supported international access to government information by editing the proceedings of a series of seminars organized by the IFLA Section on Government Information and Official Publications; now, therefore be it

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Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Congratulates Maryellen Trautman on the occasion of her retirement from the National Archives and Records Administration and commends her for her decades of work in supporting public access to government documents and publications.
2. Transmits this resolution to Maryellen Trautman and her husband Darrell Lemke, and to the Archivist of the United States.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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In Dallas, Texas

Keith Michael Fiels
ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council