

This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, July 1, 2014

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING NANCY GARDEN

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the literary community lost a talented and respected author on June 23, 2014, with the death of Nancy Garden;

Whereas Nancy Garden had her first novel published in 1971 beginning a prolific career as an author for children and young adults;

Whereas she published over 25 novels across genres, many of which were translated into foreign languages;

Whereas her 1982 novel “Annie on My Mind” depicted the romantic relationship between two teenage girls and is considered a classic in lesbian fiction and was listed by ALA as one of the “Best of the Best Books for Young Adults”;

Whereas “Annie on My Mind” was one of the most frequently challenged books in the United States and was burned in demonstrations in Kansas in 1993;

Whereas Nancy Garden received the 2000 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award given by the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign;

Whereas Nancy Garden received the 2003 Margaret Edwards Award from the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) in 2003 for her lifetime achievement in writing for young adults;

Whereas the Maine Library Association presented Nancy Garden with the Katahdin Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2005;

Whereas Nancy Garden received the 2014 Lee Lynch Classic Award from the Golden Crown Literary Society;

Whereas Nancy Garden is recognized as a pioneer and trailblazer in writing about lesbian and gay issues and for being a stalwart advocated for the freedom to read;

Whereas the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table mourns the loss of a prolific, talented and well respected writer and friend; now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the memory of Nancy Garden, celebrates her legacy, and recognizes with great admiration and appreciation the contributions of Nancy Garden over the course of her career; and
2. expresses its sympathy to her longtime partner, Sandy Scott.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

Tuesday, July 1, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada

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