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

A RESOLUTION HONORING CRENETHA SESSION BRUNSON

Whereas the government documents library community lost a talented cataloger and government documents specialist on March 20, 2014, with the death of Crenetha Session Brunson;

Whereas Ms. Brunson worked for over 40 years as a serials / government documents cataloger at the Library of Congress, and prior as a teacher librarian in Hemingway, South Carolina;

Whereas Ms. Brunson promoted the preservation of state and local government documents as head of the American Library Association (ALA)’s Government Documents Round Table GODORT State & Local Government Task Force;

Whereas she served as the Maryland coordinator for the Inventory of Projects Preserving State Government Information (the program whereby project participants post descriptions of and links to projects that provide permanent public access to state government information published on the Internet);

Whereas Ms. Brunson was an active member of GODORT, sharing her knowledge and expertise at a variety of levels, particularly those related to state documents;

Whereas she represented GODORT cataloging interests as a member of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) Committee;

Whereas she also acted as a genealogical cataloging specialist and sound recordings cataloging specialist at LC, pioneering the technique of cataloging sound recordings as serials;

Whereas Crenetha Brunson shared her leadership talents as a GODORT program planning specialist, aiding in the planning of ALA annual and mid-winter meetings for many years, demonstrating and sharing her strong faith in Jesus Christ in this important role; and
Whereas Crenetha Brunson, in her role as a longtime member of the District of Columbia Library Association, and the Potomac Technical Processing Librarians enabled her to advocate the first use of blended library professional job descriptions (as defined by the LC Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate) to library professional populations outside of the LC organization;

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

1. honors the memory of Crenetha Brunson, celebrates her legacy of advocacy and support for documentation and access to government information, and remembers her service to ALA, ALA’s Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), the LC Acquisitions and Bibliographic Directorate, and the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP); and

2. extends its sincerest condolences to her husband, Amos, Jr., son Amos IV, daughter-in-law Ebony, and grandchildren Camryn and Chloe.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, July 1, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada

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