

**A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING
ELIZABETH H. ("BETSY") PARK**

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the Tennessee Library Association (TLA) and the University of Memphis are saddened by the loss of a wonderful and charismatic librarian, innovator, colleague and friend, Elizabeth H. ("Betsy") Park who passed away on 18 January 2015;

Whereas Betsy Park was a consummate teacher, taking great delight in teaching and helping others find the resources they needed, learning new ways to teach and exploring technology as an instrument for teaching and learning;

Whereas Betsy Park faithfully served the University of Memphis Libraries for 32 years and provided a role model for new professionals to emulate;

Whereas Betsy Park served on countless ALA and Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) committees, including many for Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) and the ACRL Instruction Section, and, most particularly, on the ACRL Committee on the Status of Academic Librarians (2004-2005);

Whereas Betsy Park was a prolific writer, reviewer, and presenter;

Whereas Betsy Park was an active supporter of TLA through her years of service as a member of the TLA Board of Directors and committee chair and of the West Tennessee Academic Library Consortium (WeTALC);

Whereas Betsy was a consummate gardener, chef, hostess, world traveler, golfer, and lover of family, dogs, birds and music;

Whereas Betsy Park was known as a respected librarian, teacher, supporter, mentor, and adviser;

Whereas Betsy Park was much loved and respected by her family, friends, co-workers, and many students, and

Whereas her legacy will carry on in the hearts and minds of the countless lives she touched, now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the legacy of Betsy Park whose devotion to teaching and librarianship at the University of Memphis and her service to ALA and its divisions, the Tennessee Library Association (TLA), and the West Tennessee Academic Library Consortium (WeTALC), will be sorely missed, and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and her colleagues at the University of Memphis libraries and to her husband, Dr. Melburn R. Park, and their family.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council