

*A Resolution Honoring Cynthia G. Hurd*

*Whereas* the library community and Charleston, South Carolina lost a true leader, caring colleague and advocate for libraries on Wednesday June 17, 2015, with the death of Cynthia Graham Hurd;

*Whereas* Cynthia Hurd was one victim of a senseless, racially-motivated hate crime at the Emanuel A.M.E. Church, which ultimately took the lives of the following nine members of the Charleston, South Carolina community:

*Susie Jackson*

*Ethel Lance*

*Rev. Dépayne Middleton-Doctor*

*Hon. Rev. Clementa Pinckney*

*Tywanza Sanders*

*Rev. Daniel Simmons, Sr.*

*Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton*

*Myra Thompson*

*Whereas* Mrs. Hurd was a tireless proponent of access to library services, and improving the lives of those in her community, by working to ensure that all Charleston residents have the opportunity to access lifelong education and personal growth;

*Whereas* Mrs. Hurd worked with Charleston County Public Library 31 years, serving as branch manager of the John L. Dart Branch from 1990-2011 before becoming manager of the St. Andrews Regional Library;

*Whereas* Mrs. Hurd served the College of Charleston since the mid-1990s as a part-time librarian at the Robert Scott Small Library and Addlestone Library;

*Whereas* Mrs. Hurd was an esteemed graduate of Clark Atlanta University and a 1989 graduate of the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science.

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*Whereas* Cynthia Graham Hurd's smile, laughter, and service positively touched the lives of all of her family, friends and colleagues;

*Whereas* Cynthia Graham Hurd's sense of humor and love of people enriched the lives of all in the Charleston, South Carolina community;

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

1. celebrates the life and work of Cynthia Graham Hurd as a librarian, community servant, friend and colleague;
2. expresses its condolences to Cynthia Graham Hurd's family, friends, and colleagues at the Charleston County Public Library and the College of Charleston; and

expresses its sincerest sympathy to the communities of Emanuel A.M.E. Church and Charleston, South Carolina for their loss of nine vibrant lives that were taken from them far too soon.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in San Francisco, California



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and Secretary of the ALA Council