

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR EILEEN D. COOKE

WHEREAS, Eileen D. Cooke provided exemplary leadership on behalf of libraries through thirty years on the staff of the Washington Office of the American Library Association; and

WHEREAS, Having served with distinction since 1972 as Director of the ALA Washington Office, she retired as of December 31, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Her roots as a midwestern bookmobile librarian, her grassroots spirit, her honest and optimistic nature, and her legendary persistence made her an indefatigable and persuasive library advocate with an admirable reputation on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, She played major roles in the development, renewal, and funding of every piece of library and related legislation over the past three decades, including the Library Services and Construction Act, the Higher Education Act, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Medical Library Assistance Act, the Copyright Act, the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and both bills calling for a White House Conference on Library and Information Services; and

WHEREAS, Eileen D. Cooke died on April 30, 2000, and her encyclopedic knowledge of libraries and legislation, her expertise in building coalition support, and her phenomenal political acumen and passionate dedication to the cause of libraries will be sorely missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the American Library Association dedicates itself to continuing the pattern of grassroots advocacy and support and promotion of libraries exemplified by Eileen D. Cooke for so many years, and resolves to do so in her memory.