

R E S O L U T I O N

We, the members of the Chicano Task Force, SRRT, and the Mexican-American Council on Education (Chicago, Illinois) feel strongly that library services to the Chicano population in the United States of America are either non-existent or at best inadequate to fulfill the growing need for education, information and recreation of our people.

This situation is due to:

- (1) Lack of commitment on the part of the established library structure to serve the Chicano community.
- (2) Lack of recruitment and financial support on the part of the library schools and the profession.
- (3) Lack of Chicano professionals.
- (4) The few Chicano librarians that exist are denied decision making positions in which they can effect meaningful change.
- (5) Continual use of para-professionals as substitutes for professional staff.
- (6) Lack of commitment by librarians to pressure the publishing media to produce material that is relevant and non-discriminatory to Chicanos.

Therefore, the Chicano Task Force and the Mexican-American Council on Education (MACE) urges the Council to affirm the need for the American Library Association to show concern and bear the responsibility for doing everything possible to solve these problems.

Moreover, the Task Force strongly approves the efforts of the Office for Library Services to the Disadvantaged and of the Office for Minority Recruitment, in attempting to solve some of these problems and urges continued support and funding for them.

SUBMITTED TO: ALA COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY: THE CHICANO TASK FORCE, SRRT, AND THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION (CHICAGO, ILLINOIS)

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CHARLAMAE ROLLINS - You have made so many contributions to librarianship particularly in work with children and young people during your more than forty years of active service that in honoring you we are, in truth, honoring ourselves. We note the pioneer work you did in the field of human relations, the invaluable advice and counsel you have given publishers, your sharing of experience and knowledge as a teacher of children's literature, the fine books you have written for children, your participation in professional organizations. We salute your talent as a storyteller. But above all we recognize the gift of yourself to your profession - you have encouraged and inspired all who have known you. For this inspiration and for your many attainments - in your profession, The American Library Association, with pride and gratitude, enrolls you as an HONORARY MEMBER.

DAVID HORACE CLIFT - In you David Clift, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has given the library profession one who is able to exhibit gentleness, sternness - humaneness, friendliness, intelligence, and vision - always with the proper mixture to suit the occasion. Your career, interrupted by World War II Army Service, took you through the ranks, from student assistant at the University of Kentucky to Associate Director at Yale University. You have actively served many local, state, and national associations. No one of these experiences could possibly have prepared you for the arduous and demanding role of an Executive Director of the American Library Association. You have filled that office with intelligence, tact, and quite perseverance. The continuous changes in Executive Boards and Presidents were accepted by you as challenges to your worthiness and provided an opportunity for others to appreciate and be influenced by your integrity and equanimity. You have remained ever calm and patient, never shrinking from the seemingly impossible task during your twenty-one years of service, while guiding the Association through building programs, reorganizations, redirections and reorientations. Librarianship is a profession of service, and to serve those who serve must surely be among the highest of callings. For what you are and for what you have done for us, the American Library Association, with pride and affection, bestows upon you the Association's HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

The Chair then proposed to consider items out of order in order to cover the most pressing items of business, whereupon Mrs. Ihrig interrupted to propose lumping five action reports she felt to be non-controversial - action reports # 14, 25, 26, 27 and 31, as well as a resolution by Mr. Josey on a Tax Study and the Idaho Library Association Resolution on the composition of accreditation teams; she felt none of these had immediate budgetary considerations. Inasmuch as the Committee on Standards and Accreditation of ACRL has had the Idaho Resolution referred to it by ACRL's Board, as reported by James Holly, his request to eliminate that Resolution was granted by the chair and Mrs. Ihrig. Action Report #25 was amended, with Mrs. Ihrig's consent on suggestion of Mrs. Frame who pointed out progress in this direction, to call for a progress report rather than conclusive information. The six items, as represented in Exhibit 10, were put to a vote by Chairman Marshall AND CARRIED.