



ALA Memorial Resolution Honoring Karen Crane

Whereas the library community lost a strong, valued leader on March 20, 2024, with the death of Karen Crane;

Whereas Karen Crane had a lifelong passion for the role of libraries in communities;

Whereas Karen Crane served as the Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums of the State of Alaska for seventeen years;

Whereas during her tenure as Library Director of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Library, she became the Borough's Executive Director for Community Services, serving on the mayor's executive staff;

Whereas in 1995 she received the Outstanding Service Award from the Alaska Library Association;

Whereas she was instrumental in representing Alaska libraries during the annual Library Legislative Day;

Whereas Karen Crane served four-and-a-half years on the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Assembly and three years on the Board for the Alaska Municipal League wherein she was elected President for a term;

Whereas she served as President of United Way Southeast and State President of the League of Women Voters;

Whereas Karen Crane held numerous volunteer positions including the Partnership Board, Juneau's Sponsor Circle for Refugees, the Chair of the ACLU-Alaska, and Chair of Juneau Arts and Humanities Council;

Whereas Karen Crane became the Indiana State President of the National Organization for Women (NOW) at age 21, after a bank required her father's signature on her credit card application even though she had been on her own financially for years;

Whereas Karen Crane was a results-driven force and a big-hearted, loyal friend to everyone who knew her, now, therefore, be it



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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Karen Crane over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family, particularly her husband, Dan Fruits.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Monday, July 1, 2024, ALA Annual Conference, San Diego, CA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Burger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leslie Burger, Interim ALA Executive
Director, and Secretary of the ALA
Council