

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING

### DR. ROBERTO C. DELGADILLO

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued, generous and knowledgeable mentor on October 30, 2022, with the passing of Dr. Roberto C. Delgadillo;

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo had a life-long commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion and believed in changing lives through service and education, continuing his compassion for community through his work in public and academic libraries;

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo served with excellence on the ALA Council as Councilor-at-Large 2011 -2023 and as EMIERT Councilor 2009-10, serving on the Committee on Committees and the Council Orientation Committee;

Whereas Roberto C Delgadillo served on numerous ALA committees including the Committee on Diversity, the EMERT Executive Committee, and Patty Wong's ALA Presidential Advisory Committee.

Whereas the American Library Association recognized his achievements with the "I Love My Librarian" Award in 2012;

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo was active in REFORMA for many years and co-founded a new Chapter in Northern California;

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo tirelessly supported SALALM, the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, and served as President in 2013-2014 and Parliamentarian until 2022;

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillos served on the Editorial Board for *Latinx Talk* from 2017-2022, helping to build the site into one of value for Latinx studies through his many contributions, serving with dedication, humor, advocacy, and resilience;

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo served 17 years at UC Davis Library; creating a collaborative network with local public, special, and academic library colleagues, including a commitment to the California Library Association;

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo inspired countless colleagues and mentored students for college and post-college success, excelling at working with young scholars;

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo exhibited curiosity, incredible intellect, extraordinary research skills, depth of knowledge, and generosity of spirit which earned him the monikers of "renaissance dude" and "eagle scout of librarians" from his UC Davis colleagues.

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo participated in Día de los Niños events at local public libraries and partnered with the Yolo County Public Library on the annual Davis, CA Spanish Language Book Fair

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo's' authenticity, sense of humor, kindness, energy, and graciousness enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with him;

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo encouraged, supported, and advocated for his library colleagues, especially

BIPOC and differently-abled folx;

Whereas Roberto C. Delgadillo was much loved and respected by his family, friends, colleagues, and the many students he supported and mentored, and

Whereas his true legacy lies in the profound and everlasting positive effect he had on the profession and all who knew him, now, therefore, be it

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

(1) recognizes the remarkable life and achievements of Roberto C Delgadillo and gratefully acknowledges his many contributions to the profession of librarianship; and

(2) extends its sincerest condolences and sends a copy of this resolution to his wife, Robin Gustafson, his parents, Norma and Evelio Herrera, and his colleagues at the UC Davis Library.

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