

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF CHARLES BROWN

WHEREAS Charles Brown, who unselfishly dedicated many years of service to the American Library Association, the Public Library Association, and the library world at large, with great distinction and success passed on February 15, 2020;

WHEREAS Charles Brown enriched the public library community through his tireless service as a library director, bringing his outstanding leadership to the following communities, during his 50+ year career which encompassed the following communities:

- NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY – 2011-2019
- CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY – 2004-2011
- HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY – 1994-2004
- ARLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY – 1986-1994
- SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY – 1983-1986;

WHEREAS Charles Brown demonstrated the spirit of public service by serving as President of the Public Library Association (1990-1991); and by serving on the ALA Executive Board, ALA Council, and the Executive Board of the Black Caucus of ALA and countless other organizations;

WHEREAS in addition to serving in a leadership capacity, Charles Brown worked energetically on several committees of the organizations including:

- PLA Founding Donors;
- PLA Endowment Task Force;
- PLA National Conference Committee;
- ODLOS Minority Fellowship Advisory Committee;
- ALA Board Finance and Audit Committee;
- several Nominating Committees; the *Public Libraries* Advisory Board;
- the nascent Public Libraries Data Service committee;
- and many more;

WHEREAS Charles Brown worked determinedly in the communities where he served and was a popular and noted speaker at library conferences in the U.S. and abroad; and

WHEREAS friends and colleagues have appreciated his leadership, friendship, ideas, and good humor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members hereby honors the memory of Charles Brown, for a life of outstanding service and extraordinary contributions to public librarianship and to the communities he served.

Mover, Stephanie Chase, PLA Councilor
Second, Hannah Buckland, Minnesota Chapter Councilor