

### Memorial Resolution Honoring Josephine Maria (Riss) Fang

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) lost a valued colleague on January 30, 2023, with the death of Dr. Josephine Maria (Riss) Fang;

Whereas Fang was born in 1922 in Saalfelden, Austria; in 1938, Hitler invaded Austria; Fang and her family defiantly refused to join the Nazi Party in Austria; as a result, her father lost a judicial position and was disbarred, and she was unable to earn a teaching certificate; later she received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Vienna in the 1940s, and a PhD in English from the University of Graz in 1948; Fang was awarded a fellowship in library science in the U.S. in 1950; in 1951, Fang received her M.S. in Library and Information Science from Catholic University; Fang met Pao-Hsien Fang, a student from China; they were later married and had 10 children;

Whereas Fang held her first teaching position at the Catholic University and University of Maryland; Fang also worked in Boston College libraries; in 1969, Fang started to teach at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College; Fang taught international librarianship, preservation management, and publishing courses;

Whereas Fang published and presented extensively on a variety of topics in LIS; Fang's publications include *The World Guide to Library* (1973), *Archive and Information Science Education* (1985), *Archival and Information Science Associations* (1973 and 1990), *Education and Training for Preservation and Conservation* (1991);

Whereas Fang and her husband followed President Nixon and visited China in 1972; Fang gave presentations of the trip all over the country; Fang served as a guest professor at universities in Germany and China; Fang was awarded the title Honorary Professor by Chinese universities such as Wuhan, Xi'an, Inner Mongolia, and Yunnan; Fang mentored and taught many LIS students over the course of her extensive career;

Whereas Fang was active in many library organizations such as the American Library Association (ALA), International Federation of Library Association (IFLA), the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), the Women's National Book Association, and the Friends of Belmont Public Library; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Josephine Maria (Riss) Fang over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family.

Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large

Seconder: Hong Yao, ALA Councilor at Large

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