

## **Memorial Resolution Honoring James Clifton Welbourne, 1942 - 2011**

Whereas James C. Welbourne C. Welbourne was born August 10, 1942 in Baltimore, Maryland and died in New Haven, Connecticut on August 22, 2011;

Whereas James C. Welbourne, graduated from the Master's degree program at the University of Maryland, and was active during the sixties and seventies in both the American Library Association and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association;

Whereas James C. Welbourne, served as the Deputy Director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library (1993-2000) in Baltimore, Maryland (where he worked as a book page while in high school), and the Assistant Director of the Carnegie Library (1986-1993) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

Whereas James C. Welbourne, served as the City Librarian for New Haven, Connecticut from July 2000 until October 2010, and the crowning achievement of Jim's career in public library service was the conception and realization of the Courtland Seymour Wilson Library branch of the New Haven Public Library System that opened in the Hill District in October 2006; and

Whereas James C. Welbourne's true legacy lies in the profound effect he had on the countless men and women he mentored and taught throughout his career, many of whom went on to lead major library systems and teach in the library education field. The lives they in turn have touched have produced a ripple effect that ensures the legacy of Mr. Welbourne will continue in perpetuity; now therefore be it

*Resolved* that the American Library Association (ALA):

1. honors the memory of James C. Welbourne, and celebrates his legacy of mentoring and encouragement to countless men and women, to grow in the profession, and regardless of any racial and cultural differences between him and others, as a result, he was accepted and embraced by people who might have responded differently were it not for Mr. Welbourne's, grace, confidence and infectious exuberance;
2. extends its sincere sympathy to his wife, Penny A. Welbourne of New Haven, Connecticut.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association



Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council

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