

**2016-2017 ALA Memorial #1\_12417\_ACT  
2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting**

*This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, January 24, 2017*

**A Memorial Resolution Honoring J. McRee (Mac) Elrod**

Whereas the library community lost a strong supporter of civil rights and cataloging education on June 16, 2016, with the death of J. McRee (Mac) Elrod;

Whereas he was an incredibly valuable resource for catalogers and metadata librarians with his many contributions to AUTOCAT;

Whereas Mac argued passionately on behalf of catalog users, asserting often that “rules were made for patrons, not patrons for the rules”;

Whereas he founded Special Libraries Cataloguing in 1979, which continues to provide valuable services to a wide variety of libraries and publishers internationally; and

Whereas he served many as a Methodist and Unitarian minister and was a tireless activist for civil rights, peace, gay pride, and social responsibility;

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of J. McRee Elrod over the course of his distinguished career and mourns his death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to his friends and family.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Tuesday, January 24, 2017, in Atlanta, Georgia



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