

Memorial Resolution Honoring Lillian LaVerne Lewis

- Whereas,* Lillian Lewis, a steadfast worker, avid supporter, and a loyal and valuable member of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc., whose sudden departure we so deeply feel and whose life has been an example of Christian fortitude to her family, her friends, and her colleagues; and
- Whereas,* Lillian Lewis lent her gifts to the profession as a friend, mentor, and a tireless fighter, served the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc. in many capacities, contributed to the Library and Information Science profession as the Sciences and Engineering Librarian in Olin Library and also the Engineering and Policy Librarian for the Department of Engineering both at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, the Technical Librarian at Kodak Corporation in Tennessee, and impacted library services nationally when she served as Deputy Executive Director of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) and the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) of the American Library Association in Chicago; and
- Whereas,* Lillian Lewis distinguished herself as the first Program Director for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Alliance in Atlanta, was the driving force behind many of its initial programs, including the ASERL-HBCU Librarian Exchanges that continue today, and exhibited an infectious enthusiasm for the work of Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and
- Whereas,* The Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc., the entire library profession, and all other communities where Lillian has lived and worked, and individuals throughout this nation has sustained a great loss in the home-going of Lillian Lewis; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of Lillian Lewis.
2. Places a copy of this resolution in the permanent archives of the American Library Association.
3. Sends a copy of this resolution to the members of Lillian Lewis' family in order to show to her loved ones the high esteem in which we hold her life and her memory.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

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