

Memorial Resolution Honoring Marilee Foglesong

- Whereas*, Marilee Foglesong demonstrated her devotion to teens and teen library services through her participation in YASD/YALSA governance and committees for over 40 years; and
- Whereas*, As the President of YASD in 1973/1974 and the chair of the 1996 Margaret Alexander Edwards Committee which honored Judy Blume, she served as an inspirational leader to all young adult librarians; and
- Whereas*, Marilee Foglesong, a long time advocate of teen literacy through her work at The New York Public Library as Young Adult Coordinator, including editing publications such as *Books for the Teen Age*, *Celebrating the Dream*, *Global Beat* and *Abracadabra*, and pioneering The New York Public Library's first website for teens, TeenLink; and
- Whereas*, Marilee Foglesong's work with the Free Library of Philadelphia and South Salem (NY) Public Library provided a grand foundation for her continuing work with communities and public libraries that extended to her volunteer service with teens in her Maryville, Tennessee community; and
- Whereas*, Marilee Foglesong was a champion of the very best of young adult literature and was one of the first young adult administrators to introduce some of the literature's most cutting edge voices; and
- Whereas*, Marilee Foglesong served as a liaison for diverse communities connecting individuals and institutions across cultural borders; and
- Whereas*, Marilee Foglesong was a proponent for social justice and equality; and
- Whereas*, Marilee Foglesong was a lover of Broadway musicals, the plays of August Wilson, fabulous felines and Tina Turner; and
- Whereas*, Marilee Foglesong's diplomacy, compassion and empathy for young people made her an effective advocate to library administrators; and
- Whereas*, Marilee Foglesong's leadership, guidance, exuberance and kindness have influenced generations of librarians; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA) commends her lifetime of service and express sincere gratitude and appreciation for her service to YALSA, ALA and young adults.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

In Washington, DC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Michael Fiels'.

Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director and ALA Council Secretary