

*Resolution Honoring  
40th Anniversary  
of the  
Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc.*

- Whereas*, The Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc., founded at the Mid-Winter Meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago in 1970; under the leadership of Dr. E. J. Josey, who was elected as its first president; and
- Whereas*, The Black Caucus of ALA was formed “to respond to the needs of black librarians”; “would give professional black librarians a chance to take control of their professional destinies”; and “for the expressed purpose of addressing themselves to many of the pressing problems and issues facing this country, in general, and the American Library Association in particular;” and
- Whereas*, The Black Caucus of ALA worked with the NAACP on gathering information on libraries serving in segregated academies in the South; and
- Whereas*, The Black Caucus of ALA supported the rights of other minorities in the American Library Association and in the library field; and
- Whereas*, The Black Caucus of ALA promoted a workshop on black publishing at the 1972 ALA Conference which resulted in a meaningful partnership between black librarians in America, Africa and the Caribbean; and
- Whereas*, The Black Caucus of ALA developed regional black librarians’ caucuses and affiliations around the world; and
- Whereas*, The Black Caucus of ALA has conducted six National Conferences of African American Librarians and is planning to hold its seventh National Conference of African American Librarians in August 2010; and, therefore, be it

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*Resolved,* That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Marks the 40th Anniversary of the Black Caucus of ALA and its contributions and accomplishments throughout its years of existence.
2. Sends a copy of this resolution to the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
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In Washington, DC



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