

MEMORIAL HONORING J. MICHAEL ROTHACKER (1937-2009)

- WHEREAS, J. Michael (Mike) Rothacker, was a warm and welcoming, enthusiastic and caring librarian who was thoughtful and treated everyone with respect; and
- WHEREAS, Mike Rothacker was a cherished friend and gifted teacher who was an inspiration to and cheerleader for his students; and
- WHEREAS, Mike Rothacker was a guiding spirit for his library school students and maintained a genuine interest in those students long after their graduation; and
- WHEREAS, Mike Rothacker's interests ranged from a passion for jazz to midnight book releases for Harry Potter; and
- WHEREAS, Mike Rothacker taught at the Peabody School of Library and Information Science at Vanderbilt University for eighteen years, from 1970 until its close in 1988; and
- WHEREAS, Mike Rothacker served as Associate Dean and later Dean of Library Services at Volunteer State Community College, from 1990 until his retirement in 2002; and
- WHEREAS, Mike Rothacker's friends and family mourn his sudden passing on August 24, 2009; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association (ALA):
1. Celebrates the wonderful warmth and humor that Mike Rothacker possessed.
 2. Praises his teaching abilities and his interest in his students.
 3. Honors his decades-long service to libraries and librarians in Tennessee as a library school professor and a library director.
 4. Applauds the positive impact he had on so many people--students, colleagues, patrons, and friends.
 5. Sends its condolences and best wishes to his wife, Sue, and to his family.

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