

**2012-2013 ALA Memorial#14
2013 ALA Annual Conference**

**A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING JACK C. GERTS, II
ALA STAFF MEMBER 1971-2013**

Whereas Jack C. Gerts, II, was a devoted and productive staff member at the Headquarters of the American Library Association for most of his adult life -
- from February 1971, until his unexpected death on May 5, 2013, at the age of 59;

Whereas Jack's work, first in the Distribution Center until 1973, then as Offset Operator until 1984 and as Reprographics Supervisor until his death, spanned technological development unimagined at the time of his initial employment, as well as constantly increasing demands for the expertise and varied skills he had developed, including his skill at working with people encountering deadlines and crises of myriad kinds and complexity;

Whereas Jack was the leader of a team which annually produced thousands of pages of ALA documents, including numerous drafts, including, for example, a regular production of 200 copies of more than 50 ALA Council documents for each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference, in addition to documents for ALA divisions, committees, round tables, and other units of the Association;

Whereas Jack dealt with that team, as he did with all his many personal connections within and beyond the American Library Association, with respect, interest, and a commitment to quality; and

Whereas in 1997, Jack was honored with the ALA Staff Achievement Award and in 2012, with recognition of his forty years of devoted and high-quality service to the Association, in addition to numerous notes of appreciation from ALA staff and members: now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, that the membership of the American Library Association, gathered in Chicago, Illinois, in June, 2013:

1. expresses its ongoing appreciation for Jack's contributions to the Association; and
2. sends copies of this resolution to his wife, Loretta, his son, Nicholas, and his daughter, Kristina Mendez and her daughter Caitlin, and to Jack's fellow members of the ALA Staff Association through the President of that Association.

This resolution is presented by former administrators of the American Library Association who honor his memory.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, July 2, 2013
in Chicago, Illinois



Keith Michael Fiels
ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council

E-FORM

Memorial Resolution Honoring Jack C. Gerts, II

Date: 06/25/2013

Resolution author(s): Peggy Sullivan, ALA Member and former ALA Executive Director, 773- 549-5361

1. Title of Resolution: Memorial Resolution Honoring Jack C. Gerts, II

2. ALA Units and/or Committees Consulted (if any): None

3. Endorsements by ALA Units and/or Committees (if any): None

4. Fiscal implications: n/a

5. List all parties to whom resolution should be sent:

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6. Impact on ALA Policies and Positions: None

6a) ALA general policy or viewpoint: None

6b) Change in existing policy: None

6c) New policy: None

6d) Policy conflicts: No

7. Initiating Committee or Unit (if any):

8. Pertinent Background Information: N/A 9.

9. Mover's Name: Peggy Sullivan, ALA Member and former ALA Executive Director, 773-549-5361;

10 Seconders' Names: Peggy Barber, ALA Member and former ALA Associate Executive Director, 312-649-0028; William Gordon, ALA Member and former ALA Executive Director, 773-404-6208; and Robert Wedgeworth, ALA Member and former ALA Executive Director, 773-525-6609