

A RESOLUTION HONORING EDWARD R. JOHNSON

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued member, friend colleague, and leader with the death of Edward R. Johnson who died unexpectedly on April 25, 2013;

Whereas Ed graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in History, from the University of Wisconsin with a Masters of Library and Information Science, and a PhD in Library and Information Science;

Whereas Ed worked for the University of Colorado, the University of Iowa, as assistant dean of libraries for technical operations at Pennsylvania State University, as director of libraries at North Texas State University, and as dean of libraries at Oklahoma State University;

Whereas Ed was a staunch advocate on behalf of library and users rights to the free and unadulterated access to information through his efforts to halt the passage of U.C.I.T.A. in Oklahoma which also helped to lay the framework for similar efforts in other states;

Whereas Ed served as a leader in the academic library community, serving as an active member of ALA, the Association of Research Libraries, the Greater Western Library Alliance, chair of the Big 12 plus Library Consortium, chair of the board of directors of Amigos, member of the Texas Library Association executive board, chair of the Texas State Libraries and Archives Commission, and serving as President of the Oklahoma Library Association as well as numerous committees within ALA and these various organizations;


Whereas Ed was involved with Kiwanis, B'nai B'rith, and the Angel Fire New Mexico Public Library, serving as both a volunteer and on its board as well as that of the Moreno Valley High School;

Whereas Ed was much loved for his sense of humor and enthusiasm and respected by his family, friends, and colleagues who had the pleasure of working with him: now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. honors the memory and significant contributions of Edward Roy Johnson; and
2. expresses its sincerest condolences to his wife Benita, his son Elliot, and family and friends; and

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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in Chicago, Illinois



Keith Michael Fiels
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