

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Phyllis Brodnax Heroy

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) lost a Valued member and leader on November 26, 2012 with the death of Phyllis Brodnax Heroy (1937-2012);

Whereas Phyllis Heroy was a lifetime member of ALA, keeping her membership active for over 29 continuous years;

Whereas Phyllis Heroy was also involved in ALA's American Association of School Librarians (AASL), serving on committees in that division;

Whereas Phyllis Heroy was First Vice-president of LLA in 1988/89 and President in 1989/90;

Whereas Phyllis Heroy served until her recent illness as the Chair of the LLA Legislative Committee, providing outreach and organizing LLA's yearly Legislative Days at the State Capitol which brought recognition to issues vital to Louisiana libraries;

Whereas Phyllis Heroy's professional outreach activities included being Chair of the School Library Advisory Council Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Chair of the Louisiana Department of Education Electronic Database Advisory Committee, and Delegate to the Second White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services;

Whereas Phyllis Heroy received many awards for her exceptional contributions to librarianship, including the LLA Anthony Benoit Mid-Career Award, the LLA Essae M. Culver Distinguished Service Award, The LSU School of Library and Information Science Outstanding Alumna of the Year Award, and the Louisiana Association of School Librarians Administrator of the Year Award;

Whereas even after retirement from her career as Director of Library Services and Instructional Technology for East Baton Rouge Parish School System, Phyllis Heroy continued to volunteer her time and expertise in several organizations such as the Baton Rouge One Book One Community, the Louisiana Book Festival, and served as President of the Baton Rouge Area Library Club; and

Whereas her dedication, charm, and good works will be missed by all who knew her, now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the memory and significant contributions of Phyllis Brodnax Heroy; and
2. expresses its sincere sympathy to her friends and family, especially her sons, Paul Edward and Kenneth Alan, and their families.

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



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