

Whereas the government documents library community lost a dedicated and passionate advocate on January 18, 2014, with the death of Esther Crawford;

Whereas Ms. Crawford served Rice University and the greater southeast Texas region throughout her 18 year career at Fondren Library, including her tenure as head of the Kelley Center for Government Information and Microforms;

Whereas Ms. Crawford ensured the provision of free and effective public access to government information to the Rice University community and the 7th Congressional District of the State of Texas as the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) coordinator for Fondren Library;

Whereas she was an advocate for the Patent & Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) program, a crucial connection between the public and the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office;

Whereas Ms. Crawford was an active member of the American Library Association (ALA)'s Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), serving on numerous committees throughout her career and as Advertising Editor for *DttP: Documents to the People*;

Whereas she provided support and leadership for the Technical Report Archive & Image Library (TRAIL), a project providing free public access to digitized technical reports issued by Federal agencies prior to 1976;

Whereas she encouraged the development of expertise in government information through her work with the Houston Area Network of Documents Information (HANDI);

Whereas Esther Crawford shared with her colleagues and friends her incisive and energetic problem-solving, her warm sense of humor, and her tireless support and compassion for those in need; and

Whereas her dedication to the role of technology in creating and supporting access to government information resources was a source of inspiration to others in the community; now, therefore, be it

A RESOLUTION HONORING ESTHER CRAWFORD/2

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

1. honors the memory of Esther Crawford, celebrates her legacy of advocacy and support for access to government information, and remembers her service to ALA, ALA's Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), the Patent & Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) program, and the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP); and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her husband, Benjamin D. Knittel, and her friends at Rice University.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

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