

Whereas American publishing lost a pioneer of educational media distribution;

Whereas American libraries lost an outstanding champion with the death of Charles Benton on April 29, 2015;

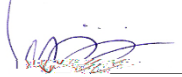
Whereas in 1953, upon his graduation from Yale University, he began his career in the Chicago office of the Encyclopedia Britannica, as production assistant in the educational films division, as a sales representative to schools and libraries in Illinois, and as President of Encyclopedia Britannica Films (1964-1966);

Whereas in 1966 he formed the nonprofit Fund for Media Research to study the educational uses of media; in 1967 he purchased the film distribution company Films Inc. from Encyclopedia Britannica, and served as its president from 1968 to 1997, overseeing the distribution of 16mm films of Hollywood cinema to schools, libraries, and other institutions; and he created Public Media Inc., including Films Inc., the Home Vision videoo5

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

1. recognizes the contribution of Charles Benton to the public forum, to libraries, to networked communications, and to American society; and
2. extends its condolences to his family.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in San Francisco, California

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Keith Michael Fiels', written over a horizontal line.

Keith Michael Fiels
Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council