**2017-2018 ALA TRIBUTE #6**

**2018 ALA Annual Conference**

**A Tribute Resolution Thanking Don Wood**

**For His Service to ALA and ALA Chapters**

Whereas, Don Wood will be retiring at the end of 2018 after 28 years of dedicated service to ALA;

Whereas, Don Wood provided exemplary support to the ALA Chapters and the Chapter Relations Committee since 2007 as Program Officer of the Chapter Relations Committee;

Whereas, Don Wood was dedicated to communicating information to Chapters and quickly responding to all requests from Chapters;

Whereas, Don Wood created and always updated an excellent array of resources to assist Chapters;

Whereas, Don Wood helped numerous Chapters with their advocacy efforts through the use of Capwiz and Engage over the years;

Whereas, Don Wood was instrumental in the growth of the ALA-Chapter Joint Student Membership from 10 partnerships to 46 partnerships which added hundreds of new memberships to ALA and the Chapters each year;

Whereas, Don Wood served as the liaison to the ALA Student Chapters, and created a strong bond and connection between them and ALA and the ALA Chapters;

Whereas, Don Wood coordinated the Student to Staff program at ALA Annual, connecting 40 LIS students each year to help ALA units;

Whereas, Don Wood’s efforts and promotions increased participation in Library Snapshot Days and Money Smart Week across the country;

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Whereas, Don Wood organized Libraries Build Communities during ALA Annual Conferences and spurred the creation of follow-up Librarians Build Communities in ALA, which was replicated by a number of Chapters; now. therefore, be it

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

1. Honors and thanks Don Wood for his tireless commitment to ALA and ALA Chapters and for his passion for what librarians, library workers, and libraries can do for society.

Mover: Christine Peck, Washington Chapter Councilor

Seconders: Amy Lappin, New Hampshire Chapter Councilor

Steven Bowers, Michigan Chapter Councilor

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