**A Memorial Resolution Honoring Dr. Tracey J. Hunter Hayes**

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), and the broad library community lost a valued member and colleague on January 19, 2022, with the death of Dr. Tracey J. Hunter Hayes;

Whereas he was a tireless advocate for libraries and spent more than three decades of his life serving in the library industry starting as a children’s librarian and working his way up to leadership positions in public, special, and academic library institutions;

Whereas as a longtime member of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, and other organizations devoted his time to the mission and vision of serving and supporting diversity in the profession.

Whereas a strong sponsor mentored countless library student workers and prepared them for future careers as leaders in libraries;

Whereas his professionalism, energy, *enthusiasm,* and commitment to the field of library leadershipwere an inspiration to his coworkers, colleagues, and students, now, therefore, be it

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

1. Recognizes the significant contributions of Dr. Tracey J. Hunter Hayes over the course of his career and mourns his death; and

2. Offers our deepest sympathies to those who knew, worked and loved Dr. Tracey J. Hunter Hayes

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