**2017-2018 ALA TRIBUTE #5**

**2018 ALA Annual Conference**

A Tribute Resolution Honoring Pat May Upon her Retirement

Whereas, Pat May received her B.A. in English from Ohio University and an M.S. in Organizational Psychology from the University of New Haven;

Whereas, Pat May was the first African-American woman to teach at the U.S. Naval Academy, teaching both English and Speech to first year midshipmen, and was the first female personnel officer at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT;

Whereas, Pat May served the United States Navy for 12 years on Active Duty and nine years in the Naval Reserves, retiring with the rank of Commander;

Whereas, Pat May started her second career with the ALA Washington Office in 1988 as Office Manager, was promoted to Assistant Director of Administration in 1995, and was promoted to Director of Administration in 2000;

Whereas, Pat May is the only ALA staff member to receive the ALA Staff Achievement Award twice, in 1996 and 2005;

Whereas, Pat May joined the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) and encouraged her staff to join in order to meet career goals and obtain the Certified Administrative Professional Certification (CAPC);

Whereas, Pat May served two terms of Chapter and then Division President of IAAP winning numerous awards for her leadership;

Whereas, Pat May oversaw the expansion of the Washington Office from a small lobbying operation to three offices; coordinated two complicated office moves; and shepherded the purchase, build out, and occupying of ALA’s current Washington Office building;

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Whereas, Pat May was appointed President of the Condo Association Board for ALA’s property in DC in 2017;

Whereas, Pat May has three short stories published in children’s magazines and plans to write a children’s book on the life of James Forten—a highly successful African-American businessman and abolitionist of the 18th century—during her retirement;

Whereas, while Pat May has received many honors and accolades during her thirty years at ALA, she is most known for her gentle presence, a wise counsel to all staff and as a model of how to act toward others; and

Whereas, Pat May has been a mentor and the go-to person for all in the Washington Office as well as many of her colleagues in Chicago, therefore be it

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

1. recognizes Pat May’s 30 years of tireless contributions to the success of the ALA Washington Office; and
2. expresses its appreciation and gratitude for these contributions and wishes her well in all the years to come.

Mover: Kent Oliver. Chair, ALA Committee on Legislation

Seconder: Ed Sanchez, ALA Councilor-at-Large

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