**TO:** PLA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Barb Macikas

**RE:** Tribute to the Gates Foundation at 2019 Midwinter Opening Session

**DATE:** January 14, 2019

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:** Information

**ACTION REQUESTED BY: N/A**

**DRAFT OF MOTION:**  **N/A**

**OVERVIEW**

Melinda Gates will keynote the Opening General Session at the 2019 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. PLA, working with ALA, prepared a resolution tribute to Melinda and the Foundation on behalf of the Boards of Directors of ALA and PLA. A draft of the resolution was sent to the PLA board via e-mail on January 3, 2019. The final version of the resolution is attached.

PLA President Monique leConge Ziesenhenne will present the resolution to Melinda Gates, along with ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo, at the session, which is scheduled for 4 pm, January 25. PLA also drafted language for the script that recognizes the contributions of the Foundation and specifically thanks Global Libraries and Deborah Jacobs and Jessica Dorr, who will be in the audience.

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