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**2018 ALA Annual Conference**

***A Memorial Resolution Honoring John D. Byrum***

*Whereas*, John Donald Byrum, a leading figure in national and international cataloguing and bibliographic standardization and in the wider profession, died January 12, 2018; and

*Whereas*, John Byrum was a pivotal and indispensable individual in the making of the *Anglo-American cataloguing rules, second edition* and the revision of that work thorough his chairmanship of the ALA Cataloging Rules Committee and his service on the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR; and

*Whereas*, through his work in IFLA, John Byrum played a leading role in the formulations of many applications of the *International Standard Bibliographic Description*, still the most widely used and enduring international bibliographic standard ever; and

*Whereas,* John Byrum was a founding member of the IFLA Study Group on the *Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records* (FRBR), leading to the development of the FRBR model; and

*Whereas,* John Byrum served as chief of various divisions during his 40-year career in the Library of Congress, transforming its bibliographic control activities with far-reaching effects throughout the national and international library community; and

*Whereas*, John Byrum’s leadership was instrumental in the establishment and development of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging, an international program with almost one thousand member institutions whose work benefits all libraries; and

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*Whereas*, John Byrum served the American Library Association and ALCTS (then known as the Resources and Technical Services Division) in several capacities, including his work on AACR2 and as Chair of RTSD; and

*Whereas*, John Byrumreceived many awards and honors throughout his distinguished career, including ALCTS’ Esther J. Piercy Award for an outstanding early career librarian in 1975, ALCTS’ Margaret Mann Citation for outstanding achievements in cataloging in 1998, and ALA’s Melvil Dewey Medal and Citation in 2006;

*Whereas*, John Byrum was widely recognized as a creative and compelling leader and mentor, and is much missed by all who knew and worked with him;

Therefore, be it

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

1. honors the life, leadership, and service of our colleague, John D. Byrum, and thanks him for his outstanding contributions to librarianship; and
2. extends its deepest sympathy to John’s husband, Billy Rivera, and to his family and many friends.

Mover: Erin Stalberg, ALCTS Councilor

Seconder: Erica Findley, Councilor-at-Large