



Whereas Charles Brown, who unselfishly dedicated many years of service to the American Library Association, the Public Library Association, and the library world at large, with great distinction and success passed on February 1, 1979

Whereas Charles Brown enriched the public library community through his tireless service as a library director, bringing his outstanding leadership to the following communities, during his 35 year career which encompassed the following communities:

- Washington, D.C. (1944-1950)
- Chicago, Illinois (1950-1956)
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1956-1966)
- Los Angeles, California (1966-1978)
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Whereas Charles Brown demonstrated the spirit of public service by serving as President of the Public Library Association (1978-1981) and by serving on the ALA Executive Board, ALA Council, and the Executive Board of the Black Caucus of ALA and countless other organizations

Whereas in addition to serving in a leadership capacity, Charles Brown worked energetically on several committees of the organizations including:

- PLA Founding Honors
- PLA Endowment Task Force
- PLA National Conference Committee
- (L) Minority Fellowship Advisory Committee
- ALA Board Finance and Audit Committee
- several nominating committees: the Public Libraries Advisory Board, the nascent Public Libraries State Service Committee, and many more

Whereas Charles Brown worked determinedly in the communities where he served and was a popular and noted speaker at library conferences in the United States and abroad and

