

This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, February 3, 2015

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Roger C. Greer

Whereas Roger C. Greer, Professor Emeritus of Emporia State University and Dean Emeritus and Professor of the University of Southern California, died on November 9, 2014;

Whereas he served this country as a Seaman in the U. S. Navy in the Philippines, U.S. Army as a Sergeant in Germany 1954;

Whereas he graduated from St. John's University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history, a Master of Library Service Degree from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. Degree from Rutgers University;

Whereas he began his career at the Linden, NJ, Public Library as Business Librarian, moved to the Purdue University Library as Head of the Cataloging and Preparation Department, and to Rutgers University Graduate School of Library Services as an instructor while completing his doctorate;

Whereas he, after completing his Ph.D. Degree, served as Director of Libraries at State University College, Potsdam, NY;

Whereas he began his work in library education as visiting professor at University of Hawaii Graduate School of Library Studies during the summers of 1965 and became assistant dean and associate professor at the School of Library Science, Syracuse University 1968 and professor, School of Information Studies Syracuse University, 1972-professor in the Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver, 1977-8; dean and professor, School of Library and Information Management, University of Southern California, 1979; visiting professor at University of Texas at Austin during the summer of 1977, and at Rutgers University, 1987 and professor, School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University, 1989;

Whereas he was founder and director of the Community Analysis Research Institute, which conducted community analysis workshops throughout the United States during the years 1979;

Whereas he was honored by Emporia State University with its distinguished teaching, the Roe Cross Professorship;

Whereas he contributed to the library profession through his leadership and participation in a variety of elected offices and committee appointments and through the American Library Association as a longtime member and leader within the Library Research Roundtable and Public Libraries Association, and membership for many years in the Association for Library and Information Science Education, Special Libraries Association, and American Society for Information Science and Technology;

Whereas he was a creative leader in library education through his development of an innovative curriculum at University of Southern California that was also implemented at Emporia State University and published in Introduction to the Library and Information Professions, now in its second edition;

Whereas he contributed to the literature of the library profession through his authorship and co-authorship of five books and more than thirty journal articles and book chapters;

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Whereas his upbringing on a farm known as Whiskey Hill in rural Minnesota molded his humility, sense of humor, and desire for frequent dinners of mashed potatoes, and pork chops;

Whereas with his wife Natalia, he Whereas