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2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting

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Whereas her overwhelming characteristic was her leadership and vision in recruiting exemplary school librarians to implement the model program and in demanding the teaching of information literacy skills integrated with the content area curriculum in collaboration with the classroom and subject area teachers and in eliciting all administrators in the school district to support her vision by educating them in the model and inviting them to travel with her nationwide to present the program to others;

Whereas her love for education and children became the driving force behind her long and productive career, retiring at the age of 85; and

Whereas all of those she worked for and with her marveled at her phenomenal life of service to students and her never failing ability to embrace change and incorporate it into her overarching vision of exemplary library service as the foundation for an exemplary educational program in any school district; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the remarkable achievements of Ruth V. Bell as a leader in the profession and acknowledges her many contributions to her colleagues and students; and
2. conveys sincerest sympathy to the Bell family, her daughter, Jane Bell, and numerous nieces, nephews, colleagues and friends. Contributions in her memory should be sent to a charity of choice.

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