

2016-2017 ALA Tribute #1
2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting

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A Tribute Resolution Honoring Emily Sheketoff Upon Her Retirement/2

Whereas Emily Sheketoff worked with the National Education Association Foundation (NEA) and the Dollar General Foundation to create a program to benefit school libraries affected by

Whereas in 2008 Emily Sheketoff worked to change the Perkins Law to make librarians eligible for student loan forgiveness programs;

Whereas Emily Sheketoff increased participation in National Library Legislative Day to more than 400 people each year by in participants and each of their unique needs and address their specific policy issues;

Whereas Emily Sheketoff co successful that, in 2010, a rally on the Senate grounds was followed by 2000 library supporters walking the halls of Congress promoting library issues;

Whereas in 2016 Emily Sheketoff worked with a Presidential Personnel Committee to nominate a qualified librarian to serve as the next Librarian of Congress and, once nominated, to secure Senate confirmation of Dr. Carla Hayden;

Whereas the Washington Office under the leadership of Emily Sheketoff has advocated effectively for libraries in many fora and many forms on copyright, Net Neutrality, expanded broadband access, and many other topics;

Whereas the Washington Office under the leadership of Emily Sheketoff consistently has leveraged the valuable grassroots support of ALA members and other library supporters to greatly expand federal library funding through such programs as E-Rate program and Broadband Technology Opportunities, which have dramatically expanded internet connectivity for libraries and their millions of patrons nationwide;

Where the Washington Office under the leadership of Emily Sheketoff has advanced such significant American Library Association initiatives as library access to ebooks via the Digital Content Working Group, the development and implementation of the National Public Policy Agenda for Libraries; and many more;

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Priorities of the Association;

Whereas in 2016 the ALA Washington Office was recognized in both 2015 and 2016 among a handful of public sector organizations for securing a influential Washington newspaper

The Hill;

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Whereas Emily Sheketoff has trained hundreds of library advocates and mentored scores of Committee on Legislation (COL) committee members, thus making our association stronger and providing all ALA members and leaders with a deeper understanding of the complexities of federal legislation now ingrained in the organization; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes that through her tireless leadership, peerless insight and legendary persistence and the many resulting professional achievements as Executive Director Emily Sheketoff has affected positive change that has benefited hundreds of millions of Americans;
2. and deeply held principles; and
3. expresses its profound appreciation and deep gratitude for her 17 years