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Memorial Resolution Honoring Charles E. Beard

- Whereas, Charles Edward Beard served libraries and the library profession for almost 40 years with distinction and dedication; and
- Whereas, He was a beloved mentor and active leader in professional associations who inspired and motivated librarians of his generation and those that followed; and
- Whereas, He actively supported library needs, both academic and public, in the halls of Congress and the halls of the state legislature; and
- Whereas, His dedication and devotion to the advancement of libraries resulted in the Georgia Libraries Association naming its Library Advocacy Award, the Charles Beard Library Advocacy Award; and
- Whereas, He served as national co-chair of the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services Task Force for 1991-1992 and as a member of that group from 1980 until 2004; and
- Whereas, He served as a member of the American Library Association Executive Board for 1993-1997; and
- Whereas, He served on the ALA Council as the LAMA Councilor for 1999-2002 and the Georgia Chapter Council for 1990-1993; and
- Whereas, He served as co-chair of the ALA Presidential Campaigns for 1991-1992, 1992-1993, and 1994-1995; and
- Whereas, He served as co-chair of the ALA Advocacy Assembly for 2001-2004; and
- Whereas, He served as chair of the ALA Chapter Relations Committee for 2000-2001 and 2002-2004; and
- Whereas, He served on numerous other ALA committees; and
- Whereas, He served as chair of the 1999 ACRL National Conference and a member of the Conference Steering Committee for 2003; and
- Whereas, He served as chair of the LAMA Public Relations Section for 1994-1995, chair of the John Cotton Dana Awards Committee for 1990-1991, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Skills for 1986-1988, and chair of the Facilities for Specialized Library Services for 1984-1985; and
- Whereas, He served as the Vice-President/President Elect, President, and Immediate Past President of the Southeastern Library Association for 1984-1990, and served on or chaired numerous SELA committees during his forty years of membership; and
- Whereas, He was a leader in the development of GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online) by the University System of Georgia; and
- Whereas, He served twice as Vice-President/President Elect, President and Immediate Past President (1971-1977 and 1979-1985) of the Georgia

Library Association, Advisor to the President for 1991-2004, Associate Editor and Editor of The Georgia Librarian for 1975-1979, chaired the Centennial Committee for 1993-2004, and served on or chaired numerous other committees during more than thirty years of membership; and

Whereas, His dedication, integrity and professionalism led to his being awarded the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Task Force Special Award for Contributions to Libraries and Library Service, a place on the ALA National Advocacy Honor Roll, the Public Relations Section Public Relations Award (LAMA), the Outstanding President's Award (Southeastern Library Association) the Juanita Skelton Distinguished Service Award (Georgia Association for Instructional Technologies), the Nix-Jones Distinguished Service Award (Georgia Library Association), the Bob Richardson Distinguished Service Award (Georgia Library Association), the Junior Members Roundtable Extraordinary Service Award (Georgia Library Association) and the Outstanding Service Award (Georgia Commission on the Holocaust); now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Boards of the Georgia Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association, on behalf of their members, recognize the remarkable achievements of Charles Edward Beard and gratefully acknowledges his many unique contributions to the library profession; and, be it further

Resolved, That these Associations express their sincere sympathy to the family and colleagues of Charles Edward Beard; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Boards of the Georgia Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association - joined by the ALA Chapter Relations Committee and the Executive Boards of the Association of College and Research Libraries, the Library Administration and Management Association, and the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology - encourage the American Library Association to join them in their expression of gratitude for the contributions of Charles Edward Beard and their sympathy on his passing to his family and colleagues.