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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the American Library Association, an educational organization with a membership of more than 38,000, hereby requests the Congress of the United States to take action early this year to make appropriations for the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building. It is the sense of this Association that further delay in the construction of this much-needed structure will seriously impair the national services of the Library that are vital to the library and research communities in this country. Delay will only add to the cost of the building because of escalating prices. In addition, the Government is now paying over \$1,500,000 in rental costs yearly for the Library. It is in the interest of economy and efficiency that money for the Madison Building be quickly appropriated.

THEREFORE, the American Library Association urges the Congress to approve the funds being requested for fiscal 1970 in order that the Library of Congress will be able to continue to provide those services necessary not only to the Congress but the Nation's libraries and the people they serve. It is of extreme urgency that no more time be lost in bringing this important project to completion.

Transmitted by David H. Clift
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