

RESOLUTION ON FUNDING FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the Library of Congress in serving the vast information needs of the U. S. Congress, performs many functions that are also vital to the library and research communities of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the nation's libraries rely heavily on the services provided by the Library of Congress for support of their technical operations, including bibliographic and authority records, allowing them to process their vast amount of materials more economically and rapidly; and

WHEREAS, rapid, efficient access to educational materials is critical to the research and development activities of the nations; and

WHEREAS, the nation's libraries provide an ever-increasing amount of vital, up-to-date information to the academic and research communities and to the general public through various resource sharing programs that are facilitated by the activities of the Library of Congress; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association urge that the Congress recognize the critical role of the Library of Congress in facilitating and expediting access to the nation's information resources, so vital to the advancement of research, scholarship, and development of the country's economic growth, private enterprise system, and social well-being; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress sufficiently fund the programs of the Library of Congress so that the Library of Congress can continue to develop its vital resource sharing activities with the rest of the nation's libraries and information centers, as well as continue to fulfill its mission of service to Congress.

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