

ATTACHMENT B

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RESOLUTION ON A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the library community has long served the needs of the American citizen for materials and services indispensable for their formal and lifelong education; and

WHEREAS, the American Library Association has cooperated with the federal unit charged with responsibility for education since its founding in 1876 when the Bureau of Education published its massive statistical report on libraries; and

WHEREAS, the importance of libraries in the educational process has long been recognized by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Libraries and Learning Resources has had an up-and-down history within the current disparate elements in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and

WHEREAS, the rôle of the U.S. Office of Education has assumed major importance in the federal government in providing maximum access to education for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, President Carter has called for a Department of Education in his State of the Union Address,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Library Association support the establishment of a separate cabinet-level Department of Education in the U.S. government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there be an appropriate elevation of status and level of support of the Office of Libraries and Learning Resources.