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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA RESOURCES, TRAINING AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE ACT

- WHEREAS,** Research shows that the highest achieving students come from schools with good school libraries and;
- WHEREAS,** Expenditure per student on school library media center collections is less than half the cost (\$16) of one school library book and;
- WHEREAS,** Almost one-third of public schools and three-fourths of private schools lack a full-time school library media specialist and;
- WHEREAS,** Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) and Senator Thad Cochran (R-MISS) have introduced S. 1262, The Elementary and Secondary School Library Media Resources, Training and Advanced Technology Assistance Act, on June 22, 1999, and;
- WHEREAS,** The sponsors intend the bill to be included in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and;
- WHEREAS,** This legislation would ensure that students have access to the informational tools they need to facilitate learning and achievement at the highest academic levels by providing funds to update library media resources including books and advanced technology; to establish professional development and training programs for school library media specialists; and to improve collaboration between school library media specialists, teachers and administrators; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association thank Senators Reed and Cochran and the bill's other co-sponsors, Senators Paul Sarbanes (D-MD), Paul Wellstone (D-MINN), Ted Kennedy (D-MASS), Thomas Daschle (D-SD), Harry Reid (D-NV), and Patty Murray (D-WA); and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association work toward passage of S. 1262, the Elementary and Secondary School Library Media Resources, Training and Advanced Technology Assistance Act, as a component of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization.

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