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## RESOLUTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

- WHEREAS,** The academic library community has identified the need to invest in technology and to connect to the Internet/National Research and Education Network, to strengthen collections and provide access to materials in research libraries, to address the shortage of librarians and library professors, to conduct research, and to provide access to foreign materials, as critical challenges; and
- WHEREAS,** The American Library Association has worked with other library, humanities, and higher education associations to develop a united set of recommendations on Higher Education Act library programs which have been recommended to Congress by ALA and 15 other organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** The American Library Association is participating actively in the HEA reauthorization process through testimony at hearings, through formal submission of recommendations, and through informal means; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association reaffirms its support of reauthorization of the Higher Education Act with the following components:

### TITLE II-A, COLLEGE LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY AND COOPERATION GRANTS

Replace the current grants for college library resources with a reinvigorated program of technological and cooperative assistance, building on the current II-D, with a priority for developing institutions seeking to link one or more institutions to resource sharing networks. Encourage linkages to the Internet/NREN.

### TITLE II-B, LIBRARY EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

Continue the current program of graduate fellowships and other educational assistance with emphasis on areas of critical needs such as recruitment and retention of minorities. Continue the research and demonstration program. Require consultation with library and information science professional bodies in the determination of research priorities and critical needs in library education.

### TITLE II-C, IMPROVING ACCESS TO RESEARCH LIBRARY RESOURCES

Continue current program with emphasis on projects related to the Internet/NREN; and encourage interinstitutional cooperation in collection development.

ALSO RECOMMENDED: Continue other parts of HEA that affect academic libraries:

**TITLE IV-C, STUDENT ASSISTANCE, WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS**

Increase the ratio of federal financial support to work-study students. Continue and emphasize the eligibility of academic libraries as a student workplace site.

**TITLE VI, INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS PART A, SECTION 607, PERIODICALS AND OTHER RESEARCH MATERIALS PUBLISHED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES**

Expand this section to include other research materials in addition to periodicals, and clarify that the intent is to make such materials widely available to researchers and scholars.

**TITLE VII, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND RENOVATION OF ACADEMIC FACILITIES**

Continue the eligibility of libraries. Add eligibility for projects that ensure library and research facilities that will efficiently and adequately support the use of all new technologies including use by the disabled and those enrolled in distance learning, as well as facilities that promote preservation of library materials.

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