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RESOLUTION RELATED TO CONTINUATION OF THE AREA HANDBOOK SERIES

WHEREAS, the Area Handbook series (also known as "Country Studies") is a comprehensive, authoritative, and historical government publication covering the political, economic, and social systems of more than 100 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, the series is currently authored by the Library of Congress and published by the Department of the Army; and

WHEREAS, the series is used by a wide variety of government agencies to better perform their missions; and

WHEREAS, the series is distributed to Federal Depository libraries, is made available for sale by the Government Printing Office, and is used by a variety of citizens for education, economic development, and the promotion of international trade; and

WHEREAS, the series is widely used in libraries of all types; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association affirm the intellectual value of the Area Handbook series and urge the Joint Committee on the Library, the Librarian of Congress, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army, and the Secretary of State to secure continued funding for research, publication, and dissemination of the series.

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