

RESOLUTION ON DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES

WHEREAS: The Depository Library Program (Title 44, Chapter 19, United States Code) is designed to make United States government publications available for use by the general public and to insure their continued availability in the future, and

WHEREAS: The Congress is now considering revisions to the Depository Library Program to provide for depository designation of accredited law schools, and

WHEREAS: The extension of the Depository Library Program to libraries of accredited law schools would provide increased access to a broad spectrum of government publications to the general public, and

WHEREAS: The users of law school libraries have a need for access to government publications for reference and study, and

WHEREAS: Service to the general public could be increased by the creation of congressional depository vacancies (available for redesignation) when a law school library now operating as a depository library is designated a depository under the proposed legislation,

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the American Library Association endorses legislation which extends congressional designation of depository status to libraries of accredited law schools which accept the responsibilities (especially those provided in 44 U.S.C. 1911, including the free use of government publications in depositories) and the privileges of regular congressionally designated depository libraries.

Submitted by the Committee on Legislation

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