RESOLUTION ON THE CONGRESSIONAL SERIAL SET

WHEREAS, The Congressional Serial Set is the permanent record of the Documents and Reports of the House of Representatives and the Senate; and

WHEREAS, The Congressional Serial Set is fundamental to the historical record of the United States; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1854, FY 1996 Legislative Branch Appropriations, mandates the elimination of the printed bound edition of the Serial Set; and

WHEREAS, A number of Congressional documents from the 104th Congress are not in electronic format, and it is highly unlikely that a replacement CD-ROM can be developed before the beginning of the 105th Congress; and

WHEREAS, In 1994 the Public Printer appointed a Serial Set Study Group which provided him with an extensive analysis of the costs and options involved in printing and production of paper and electronic versions of the Congressional Serial Set; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urge Congress to implement the recommendations of the Public Printer's Serial Set Study Group, which would allow for the economical production of both a bound paper set and a CD-ROM version.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Chicago, Illinois
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