RESOLUTION ON HR 2772 — GPO WINDO

WHEREAS, Access to government information is a public right and principal function and goal of federal government information policy; and

WHEREAS, Federal government agencies and offices are placing an increasing reliance on the dissemination of information in electronic formats; and

WHEREAS, The development of electronic formats has resulted in a bewildering array of information sources and formats; and

WHEREAS, The GPO Wide Information Network for Data Online (WINDO) Act of 1991 (HR 2772) has been introduced in Congress; and

WHEREAS, The GPO WINDO would establish in the Government Printing Office a single point of online public access to a wide range of federal databases containing public information stored electronically; and

WHEREAS, The Government Printing Office and the Depository Library Program as enacted by Congress have traditionally provided decentralized points of public access to government information for business, research, education, and the general public; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urge Congress to recognize that the GPO WINDO would provide a needed focus and allow broad, reasonable, online public access to government information in electronic formats through a variety of channels, including the Depository Library Program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urge Congress to enact the GPO Wide Information Network for Data Online (WINDO) Act of 1991 (HR 2772); and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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