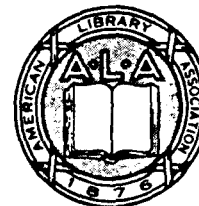


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RESOLUTION ON ASSISTING STUDENTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- Whereas, On June 6, the Attorney General authorized an Extended Deferral Program, allowing students to stay in the U.S. for one year. However, they are to remain ineligible for permanent status as residents; and
- Whereas, Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has introduced The Emergency Chinese Visa Adjustment Act of 1989 which waives the requirement under the J-1 exchange visas that students must return to China for two years before seeking a change of status such as residency; and
- Whereas, Chinese Student Associations on 118 campuses are urging adoption of this bill pointing out that students in the U.S. returning to China under current conditions could be branded as traitors; and
- Whereas, The Bill proposed by Representative Pelosi will allow students to apply for a new visa status now while in the U.S. without having to return to China as currently required; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, That the American Library Association offer its support to the Bill as proposed by Representative Pelosi and any other versions which would seek to prevent the forced return of students to the People's Republic of China under conditions which endanger their well-being and possibly their lives.



ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
June 28, 1989, in Dallas, Texas
Transmitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Galvin'.

Thomas J. Galvin, Secretary of Council