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APPOINTMENT OF U.S. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO UNESCO

WHEREAS, The Program of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is of great importance to the Library and Information communities in the United States and around the world; and
WHEREAS, The expressed wish of developing nations to realize "A New World Information Order" and a new parity of access to information and ideas is now being pursued vigorously through the forum of UNESCO; and
WHEREAS, The American Library Association has an historic commitment to the free flow of ideas and information among all nations of the world; and
WHEREAS, The quality of United States diplomatic representation to UNESCO is of critical importance at this time in order to preserve and strengthen the unrestricted international exchange of information in all formats; and
WHEREAS, The post of United States Permanent Representative to UNESCO has been vacant for several months; THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urgently requests the President of the United States to take immediate steps to nominate a distinguished American to the post of United States Permanent Representative to UNESCO; and BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED, That in selecting a nominee, the President give special consideration to the great importance and the great complexity of international information and communications issues, to the significance of these issues to all sectors of U. S. society, to facility in the languages of diplomacy, and to international experience; and, BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President, to the Secretary of State, and to the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Submitted by the International Relations Committee

Moved by Russell Shank; Seconded by Thomas J. Galvin
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