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2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting

This tribute resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, February 3, 2015

A Tribute Resolution of Heart-Felt Appreciation Honoring Charles Wilt

Whereas Charles Wilt has served the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) with the highest distinction since September 20, 1999; first as Deputy Executive Director of ALCTS & the then-named Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) and as of April 30, 2001 as Executive Director of ALCTS;

Whereas Charles Wilt is also a member of the American Society of Association Executives, and was a member of the Texas Library Association, North Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Association of Library and Information Science Educators, Special Libraries Association, and other professional groups, serving on the Library Advisory Committee for the Plano Independent School District and working with other community and civic groups;

Whereas Charles Wilt is a proud graduate of Emory University and the Library and Information Science program at the University of Pittsburgh, and is a member of Beta Phi Mu;

Whereas, Charles Wilt previously worked at the University of Texas Arlington, various bookstores in the Dallas area, Kenyon College and as director of the Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia,

Whereas Charles Wilt has shown great vision and much patience, embodied the highest standards of leadership, skillfully navigated the maze of ALA bureaucracy and herding of disorganized ALCTS leaders, all with great vision and irrepressible good humor;

Whereas Charles Wilt fostered collaboration and goodwill among the ALA divisions, and within ALCTS encouraged the development of creative new opportunities and activities to attract and engage members and non-members alike, fulfilling the predictions of then ALCTS President Carlen Ruschoff that he would be a “font of innovative ideas” when he became executive director;

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Whereas he delighted the ALCTS membership with his annual April 1st missive and has been a generous colleague, supervisor, teacher, friend, and mentor to many; and

Whereas, Charles Wilt is retiring from the association effective February 15, 2015 now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. honors and is grateful to Charles Wilt for his tireless commitment to managing the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services and his outstanding service and unfailing good humor in doing so, and
2. expresses its sincere appreciation to Charles Wilt for his many contributions to the success of ALCTS and ALA and all the members' lives he impacted in a positive way.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois



Keith Michael Fiels
Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council