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RESOLUTION FOR WHCLIS II ON LIBRARY EDUCATION

- Whereas, The American Library Association, by accepting the Shank Report, has recognized the crisis in library education; and
- Whereas, The Second White House Conference on Library and Information Services begins on July 9, 1991, in Washington, D. C.; and
- Whereas, WHCLIS II is an immediate and appropriate vehicle to bring this crisis to national attention; and
- Whereas, The shortage of graduate faculty, the closing of some accredited programs in library and information science education, and the decrease in financial support for education for librarianship are fueling this crisis; and
- Whereas, Fiscal support for education in library and information science has decreased at the federal level to one-fourteenth of the 1969 allocation; and
- Whereas, The library community, including trustees, Friends groups, and other library advocates place a high priority on increasing the public's awareness of the contribution of quality library education to library service in a democratic society; therefore, be it
- Resolved, <sup>ALA recommend that</sup> That WHCLIS II recommend reauthorization of the Higher Education Act Title II Library Programs and its funding at a level of at least \$5 million in the federal budget a year over the next decade, and be it further
- Resolved, That the American Library Association direct President Patricia Glass Schuman to present this resolution and urge its passage at WHCLIS II.

Moved by:

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Seconded by:

Barbara A. Ivy  
Councilor-at-Large

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