

**Memorial Resolution
Recognizing
Ken Davenport**

- WHEREAS, On September 29, 2009, the American Library Association lost a valued member, leader and library advocate with the death of Ken Davenport; and
- WHEREAS, Ken showed leadership in the profession as a founding member of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries, service as President of that organization from 2005 to 2007; and
- WHEREAS, He also helped organize the First Rural Library Summit at Clarion University and the initial ARSL conferences in Ohio; and
- WHEREAS, He took it upon himself to find volunteers to index the *Rural Library Services Newsletter*; and
- WHEREAS, He worked as a Library Consultant for the Northeast Iowa Library Service Area starting in August 1990, serving the areas many very small libraries as an effective advocate, and as their E-Rate "guru;" and
- WHEREAS, He was a member of and active in the Public Library Association (PLA), the Library Information and Technology Association (LITA), the Map & Geography Round Table (MAGERT) and the Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT), as well as having been active in the Independent Librarians' Exchange Round Table (ILERT) prior to its merger with the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA); and
- WHEREAS, He served on the ALA E-Rate Task Force starting in 2001 until his untimely death; and
- WHEREAS, He was valued for his down-to-earth, common sense approach which was delivered with a quiet wit and style; and
- WHEREAS, He was known to appear at ALA meetings with a broad selection from his collection of "interesting" ties; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association (ALA):
1. Extends its condolences to the family of Ken Davenport, and to his friends and colleagues in Iowa and around the country.
 2. Sends a copy of this resolution to his family, the staff and Board of the Northeast Iowa Library Service Area, and the Iowa Library Association.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
In Boston, Massachusetts



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Secretary of the ALA Council