

Memorial Resolution Recognizing Eliza Atkins Gleason

- Whereas, On December 15, 2009, the American Library Association lost a valued member, leader and library advocate with the death of Eliza Atkins Gleason; and
- Whereas, Dr. Gleason showed leadership in the profession by attending the University of Chicago where in 1940 she became the first African-American to earn a Ph.D. in library science; and
- Whereas, Dr. Gleason organized the first library science classes at the Louisville Municipal College for Negroes; and
- Whereas, Dr. Gleason was the founding dean of Atlanta University; and
- Whereas, Dr. Gleason was the first African-American Dean of a library school; and
- Whereas, From 1940–1946, Dr. Gleason headed the library program that graduated more African-American librarians than any other program in the United States; and
- Whereas, The American Library Association honored her with the Eliza Atkins Gleason Award, recognizing outstanding books written in English in the field of library history; and
- Whereas, Dr. Gleason lived to be one hundred years old; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):
1. Extends its condolences to the family of Dr. Eliza Atkins Gleason, and to her friends and colleagues in Kentucky, Georgia and around the country.
 2. Sends a copy of this resolution to her family, the staff of Clark-Atlanta University, and the Kentucky Library Association.

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In Boston, Massachusetts



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Secretary of the ALA Council