

Memorial Resolution Honoring Burton A. Joseph

- Whereas,* Burt Joseph was one of this country's most revered and respected First Amendment lawyers; and
- Whereas,* Burt Joseph's career encompassed some of the most important free speech fights of the 20th Century, including the battle over Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer*, the Nazi march in Skokie, Illinois, and the demonstrations at the 1968 Democratic National Convention; and
- Whereas,* Burt Joseph never backed away from a tough case when First Amendment principles were involved;
- Whereas,* His incredible generosity with time and talent benefited a host of organizations dedicated to intellectual freedom; and
- Whereas,* He was a true friend and supporter of the Freedom to Read Foundation, and served on its Board of Trustees, including several terms as Vice President; and
- Whereas,* He was a founding member of Media Coalition and served as its Chairman during a challenging and turbulent era; and
- Whereas,* Burt Joseph demonstrated through his unfailing kindness, civility and courtesy, even to those with whom he disagreed, that it is possible to be passionate and principled in what you believe without becoming a zealot, now, therefore, be it
- Resolved,* That the American Library Association (ALA):
1. Honors Burton A. Joseph as a champion of intellectual freedom.
 2. Expresses its deepest sympathy to the Joseph family, including his wife Babette and his daughters Kathy, Amy, and Jody.

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