

Memorial Resolution Honoring Patricia A. Morris

- Whereas*, Dr. Patricia A. Morris, Associate Professor, and Faculty Director for Preservation at the University of Colorado Libraries and Boulder, died on May 7, 2010; and
- Whereas*, She held a bachelor's degree in history from Baylor University, and earned a PhD in History in 1980 from Vanderbilt University, and in order to pursue a career as an archivist and preservationist earned an MA in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina in 1992; and
- Whereas*, She served as an Archivist at the Tennessee State Library and Archives before moving to the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in 1987, where she held positions as the Supervisor of Conservation Services, and later as Director for Preservation, and later as Director of Collections Management; and
- Whereas*, She joined the faculty of the University Libraries at the University of Colorado, Boulder, as Faculty Director for Preservation, in 2002, and was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure in 2010; and
- Whereas*, She demonstrated throughout her career a broad vision that encompassed the management and preservation of library resources; the design and operation of buildings and facilities that contribute to the longevity of materials; and the utilization of all available technologies to assure the protection and preservation of physical objects and their intellectual content, thus to enable greater access to them by students and scholars; and
- Whereas*, Her recent work included the deployment of environmental monitoring techniques throughout the University of Colorado Libraries; the development of a robust tool for assessment of collection condition in large libraries with varied collections and facilities; the implementation of that tool; and the communication of her methods and findings to the field; and
- Whereas*, She alerted the field to the perils to which collections even in relatively young libraries, and even in arid climates may be subject; and

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Whereas, She provided service to her profession through activity in the American Library Association, the Society of American Archivists; the Palmetto Archives Museums and Libraries Council on Preservation, the South Carolina State Historical Records Advisory Board, and the International Standards Organization, and also served as a reviewer of grants for the National Historical and Public Records Commission, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services; and

Whereas, She was dedicated throughout her career to educating and training others in preservation standards and best practices, teaching courses and workshops, and recently overseeing a PhD dissertation in preservation assessment; and

Whereas, She saw the similarities of preservation interest among all types of cultural institutions, such as libraries, archives, and museums, and worked to build bridges among them; and

Whereas, Her vision, her determination, her skill in planning and carrying through immense and complex projects, and her ability to perceive problems in terms of their total context will be greatly missed by the Libraries and the field; and

Whereas, She was widely respected and appreciated for her integrity, analytical ability, and humor and for her commitment to the profession of librarianship and to the preservation of the human record; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Recognizes the accomplishments of Patricia A. Morris, and acknowledges her many contributions to the field of librarianship.
2. Expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of Patricia A. Morris, including her mother Margaret Morris, of Greensboro, North Carolina, her sister Dale Dougherty, and her brother Mike Morris.

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