

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR RAY BRADBURY**

Whereas Ray Bradbury was one of America's preeminent writers of speculative fiction;

Whereas Ray Bradbury was known for his novels *Fahrenheit 451* and *Something Wicked This Way Comes*;

Whereas Ray Bradbury was known for his essays, articles, poetry, plays, television and film scripts including the screen play for John Huston's 1956 film version of *Moby Dick*;

Whereas Ray Bradbury career spanned seventy years and ended with an essay published in *The New Yorker* only a week prior to his death;

Whereas Ray Bradbury received the National Book Foundation's medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters in 2000;

Whereas Ray Bradbury received the National Medal of Arts in 2004;

Whereas Ray Bradbury received the Science Fiction Writers of America Grand Master Award;

Whereas Ray Bradbury received a special citation from the Pulitzer Prize Board in 2007;

Whereas Ray Bradbury was a lifelong supporter and advocate of public libraries;

Whereas Ray Bradbury has been hailed as the writer most responsible for bringing science fiction into the literary mainstream;

Whereas Ray Bradbury embodied with eerie prescience our ambivalence about technology and its impact on our lives; and

Whereas Ray Bradbury's enduring legacy lives on in all those who have been and will be encouraged by his example to think, to question, and to dream; now, therefore, be it

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*Resolved*, that the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Honors a giant in literature and a champion of the liberty of the individual and the freedom to read; and
2. Extends heartfelt sympathy to his daughters Susan Nixon, Ramona Ostergen, Bettina Karapetian and Alexandra Bradbury, and their families.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association



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