

A Memorial Resolution in Honor of Alice Holly Scott

Whereas Alice Holly Scott served as deputy commissioner of the Chicago Public Library System from 1982 to 1998, culminating her thirty-eight years of service to the system;

Whereas she attended Spelman College in Atlanta, majoring in French and English and graduated in 1957;

Whereas she received a master's degree in library science from Clark Atlanta University and joined the staff of the Woodson Regional Library in Chicago in 1960;

Whereas she oversaw the Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature at Woodson and was instrumental in bringing bookmobiles to educationally underserved communities;

Whereas she led efforts to bring black authors and provide black-owned magazines and publications to libraries on the South Side;

Whereas she earned a doctorate from the University of Chicago Graduate Library School in 1983 for her dissertation titled "Information-Seeking by the Urban Poor and Its Relationship to Nonuse of the Public Library";

Whereas she retired in 1998 as the highest-ranking African-American official in the Chicago Public Library System;

Whereas she was awarded the Trailblazer Award for her creation of the African American Service Commission of Chicago for Ethnic Celebrations in 2004;

Whereas she also was a prominent member of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association; and

Whereas she leaves behind a legacy as a pioneer for women in the workplace, a champion of education rights, and an advocate for the well-being of library patrons and employees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the notable achievements and distinguished career of Alice Holly Scott and gratefully acknowledges her many contributions to the profession of librarianship; and
2. expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of Alice Holly Scott, including her husband of 53 years, Alphonso; daughter Alison Scott-Williams and son Christopher Scott; brothers Frank Jr. and Dr. John Holly; and three grandchildren.

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