

A Memorial Resolution
for
Alice Holly Scott, Ph.D.

Whereas **Dr. Alice Holly Scott** was a devoted mentor, and advisor to generations of African American librarians in Chicago and to many other librarians throughout the United States; and also a community activist, journalist, visionary leader, and a loyal and invaluable member of the American Library Association, and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association;

Whereas **Dr. Alice Holly Scott** lent her gifts to the library profession as a tireless fighter and a soldier for justice, equality, and human rights, and who also, for decades, documented, promoted, and preserved African American history and culture locally and nationally by writing more than 130 newspaper articles for a column entitled "Today in Negro History," published in the *Chicago Daily Defender* during 1962 and 1963; and by facilitating the establishment and effective execution of the African American History Month Committee at the Chicago Public Library;

Whereas **Dr. Alice Holly Scott** further lent her gifts to the library profession and to this nation, early in her career, as a librarian in the Brooklyn Public Library, and then later as a librarian and key executive in the Chicago Public Library System for more than forty years, and held vital positions from 1959 until 1998 as: librarian in the historical George Cleveland Hall Branch Library, Director of the Woodlawn Branch Library, the first Director of the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library, Director of Community Relations for the entire Chicago Public Library System, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Development, and Deputy Commissioner, Chicago Public Library;

Whereas **Dr. Alice Holly Scott** also lent her gifts to the library profession through her involvement in the American Library Association as an elected "Member of Council" of the American Library Association, 1981/1982 to 1984/1985, as a member of several advisory boards, awards committees, and membership committees for the Public Library Association, the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, and the Association of Cooperative and Specialized Library Agencies; and

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Whereas the residents of Chicago, and communities throughout this nation have sustained a great loss of **Dr. Alice Holly Scott**, now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors her memory by trying to bring into our own lives that excellence and professionalism, coupled with sustained commitment, vision, power, and purpose that made her life a worthy pattern for our emulation, and that we earnestly try to live as purposely and unselfishly as did **Dr. Alice Holly Scott**;
2. expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of **Dr. Alice Holly Scott**, that we place a copy of this resolution in the permanent archives of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc. and the Chicago Chapter of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association; and
3. Sends a copy of this resolution to the members of **Dr. Alice Holly Scott's** family and the Chicago Public Library in order to show to her loved ones the high esteem in which we hold her life and her memory.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

In Seattle, Washington



Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council