Resolution Commending the U.S. Congress and the President on the

Reauthorization of the Museum and Library Services Act

Whereas, the Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA) reauthorizes the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA); and

Whereas, LSTA has stimulated library innovation, digital literacy, 21st century skills, improved services and facilities, literacy, interlibrary cooperation, resource sharing, and workforce resources and services, and library and information science research; and

Whereas, LSTA enhances current training opportunities for library professionals and supports the development of a diverse library workforce, including an authorization of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program; and

Whereas, the reauthorization will update LSTA to better reflect the role that libraries play in our nation’s communities and ensure the preservation of collections.

Whereas, the LSTA reauthorization received bipartisan support from Senators Jack Reed (D-RI), Thad Cochran (R-MS), Richard Burr (R-NC), Tom Harkin (D-IA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Michael Enzi (R-WY), and Jon Tester (D-MT); and

Whereas, the MLSA reauthorization was quickly passed unanimously without amendments by the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, the full Senate, and the House of Representatives.

Whereas, President Barack Obama signed MLSA into law on December 22, 2010.

Resolved, the American Library Association commends the leadership of Senator Jack Reed, co-sponsors Senators Thad Cochran, Richard Burr, Tom Harkin, Susan Collins, Michael Enzi, and Jon Tester and the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and President Barack Obama for their efforts to sustain the federal role supporting library services, as the cornerstone of our nation’s information infrastructure.

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