

Resolution Thanking Bob Tapella for His Service as the 25th Public Printer of the United States

WHEREAS, Robert “Bob” Tapella was appointed the 25th Public Printer of the United States by President George W. Bush in 2007 and completed his tenure in December 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapella oversaw continued modernization and improvements of the infrastructure and organizational capacity of the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapella oversaw the successful evolution of the FDLP Desktop from a static website to an interactive site allowing the FDLP community to network and share information; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapella took the initiative to strengthen relationships with the FDLP community by visiting libraries across the country during his tenure as Public Printer; and

WHEREAS, in his second year Mr. Tapella oversaw the public release of the Federal Digital System (FDsys), which allows enhanced searchable digital access and authentication of Federal publications; and

WHEREAS, in July 2009 *Government Computer News* named FDsys one of the “10 great Government Web sites;” and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapella increased the availability of education and training opportunities for GPO staff, particularly in technology, and developed interactive training opportunities for the FDLP community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapella implemented environmental sustainability programs throughout GPO; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapella oversaw the increased use of multimedia to promote GPO, FDLP, and government information; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association express gratitude to Mr. Tapella for his service as the nation’s 25th Public Printer.

Endorsed by the Government Documents Round Table

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