

## *Resolution in Memory of Senator Claiborne Pell*

*Whereas*, Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island died on January 1, 2009, at the age of 90; and

*Whereas*, Senator Claiborne Pell was named an honorary member of American Library Association (ALA) in 1983; and

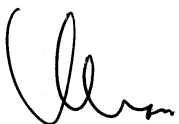
*Whereas*, Senator Claiborne Pell was responsible for every major piece of federal legislation affecting education and libraries since 1961, when he became a Senator until 1997, when he retired from the United States Senate. Legislation includes, the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (renamed the Pell Grants), the Library Services Act (LSA), the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which created the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities; and

*Whereas*, Senator Claiborne Pell was a major champion of intellectual freedom; and

*Whereas*, Senator Claiborne Pell used to tell his children, “Remember, a book is a friend”; and, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That American Library Association expresses its appreciation for Senator Claiborne Pell’s contributions and mourns his death as the loss of a great senator and a great friend to libraries.

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