

Tribute Honoring Gil Baldwin

- Whereas*, Gil Baldwin has had a long and productive career of 35 years of service with the United States Government Printing Office (GPO); and
- Whereas*, Gil Baldwin first served as an indexer in the Congressional Record Index Office, then joined the Superintendent of Document organization as a cataloger, and eventually headed the Cataloging Branch; and
- Whereas*, When Gil Baldwin was Chief of the Library Division and Director of Library Programs Services at GPO, he led the efforts to create the original Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Electronic Collection, to archive the first web-based publications, and to develop and publish the first collection management plan for the FDLP Electronic Collection; and
- Whereas*, Gil Baldwin has been continually committed to permanent public access as shown by his work to establish GPO as a National Archives and Records Administration affiliate archive for the long term stewardship of federal online information dissemination products, and through the development of partnerships with federal agencies and depository libraries to incorporate more electronic government information into the FDLP; and
- Whereas*, Under Gil Baldwin's directorship many of the GPO's cataloging practices were updated and modernized, always in consultation with the library community; and
- Whereas*, Gil Baldwin started GPO's movement to implement an Integrated Library System for the FDLP; and
- Whereas*, Gil Baldwin led the movement to recreate the *Monthly Catalog* as the online *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications*; and
- Whereas*, Gil Baldwin was instrumental in ensuring GPO access is available at no fee to all; and
- Whereas*, Under Gil Baldwin's leadership the Library Programs Services built a strong and remarkable rapport between the Government Printing Office and the community it serves; and

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Whereas, Gil Baldwin joined the FDsys development team as Associate Director for the Program Management Office; and

Whereas, Gil Baldwin has been an active member of the American Library Association Government Documents Round Table and the Maps and Geographic Round Table; and

Whereas, Gil Baldwin through all these roles has been a mentor and advisor to many in the library community; and

Whereas, Gil Baldwin's work has been singularly devoted to the ideals of the Federal Depository Library Program, serving both the depository library community and the public; and, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association:

- (1) Honors Gil Baldwin for his many years of service as a outstanding colleague to the library community; a dedicated employee of the Government Printing Office; a defender of no fee; permanent and open access to government information; and a visionary and force for change; and
- (2) Sends a copy of this resolution to Gil Baldwin, Public Printer Robert Tapella, and the Chairperson of the United States Congress Joint Committee on Printing; and
- (3) Sends a copy of this resolution to the United States Congressional members of Virginia to be read into the Congressional Record.

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