

**RESOLUTION HONORING SENATOR OLYMPIA J. SNOWE FOR HER SUPPORT  
OF AMERICA'S LIBRARIES, JANUARY 2013**

**WHEREAS**, Whereas, Senator Olympia J. Snowe has served as United States Senator representing the state of Maine for 18 years and leaves a legacy of leadership and strong, unyielding support for libraries and the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, She has been an enthusiastic champion of the work of the American Library Association (ALA) and the work of all types of libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, She was instrumental in leading a bipartisan effort to establish the E-rate program in the U.S. Telecommunications Act of 1996, resulting in more than \$2 billion annually for public libraries and K-12 schools; and

**WHEREAS**, She vigorously supported the E-rate program following its inception to make telecommunications and internet access affordable and accessible to public libraries and K-12 schools; and

**WHEREAS**, She repeatedly championed the anti-discrimination principles of network neutrality that upholds unfettered public access to information via the internet; and

**WHEREAS**, Her work and dedication to the public interest leaves a long-lasting and positive impact on library patrons, the public, and students in her home state of Maine and in communities across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, She has demonstrated her unwavering commitment to the American public through her steadfast leadership and tireless work in her role as an elected official; and

**WHEREAS**, She has championed the value of libraries and supported legislative efforts of the ALA; now, therefore, be it 7

**RESOLVED**, That the American Library Association on behalf of its members:

1. Extends its deepest appreciation to Senator Olympia J. Snowe for her extraordinary service and record of achievement.
2. Thanks her for years of dedicated commitment to libraries and the American public that depends upon them.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association Tuesday, January 29, 2013 in Seattle, Washington



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