RESOLUTION COMMENDING FRANCIS J. BUCKLEY, JR.

WHEREAS, Francis J. Buckley, Jr. has served as the Superintendent of Documents since December 1997 promoting the people's "right to know" and continuing the electronic transition of the Federal Depository Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buckley has been an active member of the American Library Association since 1974 serving on Council and chairing the Government Documents Round Table and a number of committees, including the Ad Hoc Committee to Form a Coalition on Government Information and the ALA Committee on Legislation Subcommittee on Government Information; and

WHEREAS, for more than twenty years he has been an advocate for reform of laws affecting the dissemination of government information serving as a member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on the Revision of United States Code Title 44 of the U.S. Joint Committee on Printing, chairing the Inter-Association Working Group on Government Information Policy, and serving as a former member and chair of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer; and

WHEREAS, he has a distinguished record of service in public libraries, serving as director of the Shaker Heights (OH) Public Library from 1994 to 1997 and holding numerous positions in the Detroit Public Library from 1966 to 1994 including working as a reference librarian, documents specialist, and Associate Director for Public Services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buckley served as President of the Michigan Library Association and the Michigan Documents Round Table, and has been active in several state library associations; and

WHEREAS, he also has a long standing record of civic involvement including serving as an advocate for literacy programs and intellectual freedom issues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association commend Francis J. Buckley, Jr. for his dedication and service to the Federal Depository Library Program and to ensuring free and equitable public access to government information; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association commend Francis J. Buckley, Jr. for his leadership in and advocacy of libraries and government information through his service on ALA council and committees, on the Government Documents Roundtable and government and inter-association bodies

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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Wm R. Gordon
Secretary of the ALA Council