

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ALA COUNCIL
The Governing Body of the American Library Association

At the Association's
87th Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, June , 1968

WHEREAS, Senator Lister Hill of Alabama has served with distinction in the United States House of Representatives for fifteen years, in the United States Senate for thirty years, and as Chairman of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare of the United States Senate for thirteen years, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hill first sponsored legislation in support of Federal assistance for public library service in rural areas on May 12, 1946, in the Second Session of the 79th Congress, and patiently sustained his advocacy of this great cause until the Library Services Act was enacted in the Second Session of the 84th Congress and signed by the President on June 19, 1956, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hill was instrumental in the expansion of the Library Services Act by the United States Congress in November 1963 to permit extension of public library services, with Federal support, to every part of every State in the Union, and

WHEREAS, in the course of his long and distinguished career in the United States Congress, Senator Hill has continuously and creatively sought to strengthen and advance the schools, colleges, universities and research institutions of the Nation and to this end has guided to enactment by the United States Congress such legislative landmarks as the School Assistance in Federally Affected Areas Act of 1950, the National Defense Education Act of 1958, the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the monumental Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hill's inspired leadership also secured enactment by the United States Congress of numerous other statutes in furtherance of the cause of education and library services, including the Veterans Readjustment Acts of World War II and subsequent conflicts, the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, the National Library of Medicine Act of 1956, the War Orphans Educational Assistance Act of 1956, the Captioned Films for the Deaf Act of 1958, the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the Older Americans Act of 1965, the Act of 1965 for the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities, and the Sea Grant College Act of 1966, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hill was among the handful of United States Senators who courageously and presciently evoked the support of the American people for the organization of the United Nations and his unfaltering devotion to the cause of cooperation among all countries has been manifest in his espousal of the historic International Education Act of 1966, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hill has been since 1956 an Honorary Life Member of the American Library Association,

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, The Council of the American Library Association, hereby approve for transmittal this Certificate of Commendation to Senator Lister Hill of Alabama in tribute to his distinguished career in public office, his unmatched contributions in behalf of all libraries and his steadfast, compassionate and understanding dedication to the enlightenment and advancement of the people of the United States of America.

Transmitted by
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