

Memorial Resolution Honoring D. Whitney Coe

Whereas, D. Whitney Coe, retired Anglo-American Bibliographer, and formerly Russian Cataloguer, Head of Descriptive Cataloguing, Principal Cataloguer and Team Leader of the Humanities Team, Princeton University Library, died on Saturday, October 8, 2011, after a brief illness; and

Whereas, He had a lifelong commitment to libraries and to cross-cultural understanding, pursued by active engagement even into retirement; and

Whereas, He was a lifetime member of the American Library Association (ALA), serving on the Presidential Program Planning Committee; and

Whereas, He actively contributed to the Resources and Technical Services Division, later to become the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS), as two-time Chair of its International Relations Committee, Chair of its Education Committee, and member of its Task Force on Support for International Activities, in addition to serving on many other division and section committees; and

Whereas, He served as Resources Section liaison to the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, following multi-faceted participation in development and implementation of the International Standard Bibliographic Descriptions and the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd ed.*; and

Whereas, He served as President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer of the New York Technical Services Librarians, as well as serving as chair or member of several committees; and

Whereas, He was a contributor to librarianship on a world scale, serving in the Section on Bibliographic Control of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), with special focus on developing guidelines for electronic national bibliographies as well as basic guidelines for all formats of a national bibliography; and

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Whereas, He was awarded a nine-month ALA/USIS Library Fellowship to the Seoul National University Library, and built relationships that he maintained the rest of his life; and

Whereas, He shared his knowledge and enthusiasm about international librarianship through programs such as the ALA International Relations Committee (IRC) preconference "U.S.-Korean Librarianship: Moving Towards the 21st Century," the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) IRC program "Moving Librarianship into the Global Village" and the ALCTS IRC program "The International Connection: IFLA, ALCTS and You"; and

Whereas, He served on the Executive Board of the International Relations Round Table; and

Whereas, He was a proponent of sharing of ideas through professional literature, not only by his own articles and essays, but in his service on the ACRL K.G. Saur "Best *College & Research Libraries* Article Award" Committee, the ALCTS "Best of *LRTS* Award" Committee, and the Cataloging and Classification Section Policy and Research Committee; and

Whereas, He was repeatedly engaged organization initiatives, writing or speaking on recruitment, training and development of librarians for the betterment of the profession; and

Whereas, He was the consummate networker, valuing colleagues, turning them into friends, and ever welcoming and enthusiastic in bringing them together around common interests; and

Whereas, His sense of humor, kindness, energy and graciousness enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with him; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. On behalf of its members, recognizes the remarkable achievements of D. Whitney Coe and gratefully acknowledges his many contributions to the profession of librarianship; and be it further
2. Expresses its sincere sympathy to Dayton and Joanne Coe of Gaithersburg, MD, the brother and sister-in-law of D. Whitney Coe.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
In Dallas, Texas

Keith Michael Fiels
ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council