

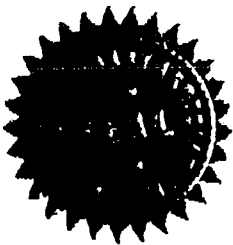
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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 50

- Whereas, The American Library Association has demonstrated strong opposition to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Library Awareness Program and other visits to libraries to investigate the identities and the activities of library users; and
- Whereas, Congress, in holding hearings, has also shown concern for the chilling effect that these FBI library visits have had on the exercise of First Amendment rights in libraries by citizens as well as foreign nationals; and
- Whereas, Congress Edwards of California and Congressman Conyers of Michigan have introduced in the 101st Congress H.R. 50, "a bill to regulate the conduct of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in certain matters relating to the exercise of rights protected by the first article of amendment to the Federal Constitution;" now therefore be it
- Resolved, That the American Library Association strongly supports the passage of H.R. 50; and be it further
- Resolved, That the American Library Association expresses its deep appreciation to Chairman Don Edwards and the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights for their continuing interest and concern for protecting First Amendment rights of library users.



ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
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