

**RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR LIBRARY FELLOWS & FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS**

- WHEREAS,** Very significant cutbacks have been proposed in the new Congress for educational and cultural exchanges and foreign assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** Cuts in the Fulbright and related educational and cultural exchange programs seriously jeopardize the ability of the United States to meet the growing demand of a complicated global environment; and
- WHEREAS,** Exchanges help build the human capacity, including area expertise to promote trade and economic development, develop future export markets, and respond effectively to humanitarian needs that threaten regional stability; and
- WHEREAS,** Exchanges promote important American foreign policy objectives such as democratization, support for free market economies, trade promotion, and conflict resolution; and
- WHEREAS,** Exchanges strengthen the U.S. economy by creating the human capital the U.S. needs to compete in today's global economy; and
- WHEREAS** The Library Fellows and Fulbright Scholars Programs are extraordinarily cost-effective due to the high level of commitment and contribution from private citizens and private nonprofit organizations, like the American Library Association, which administers nearly all official exchange programs in cooperation with federal agencies; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED** That the American Library Association urges the U.S. Congress to continue funding the Library Fellows, Fulbright and similar international exchange programs.

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