

RESOLUTION ON FUNDING FOR FEDERAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- WHEREAS, The House FY 1989 funding bill (HR 4783) for Department of Education library programs includes modest increases for public library services under the Library Services and Construction Act title I, for interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing under LSCA III, for college library technology and cooperation under the Higher Education Act II-D, and for the school block grant under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act I Chapter 2 (including school library resources); and
- WHEREAS, The Senate version of HR 4783 includes only the current levels of funding for all Department of Education library programs; and
- WHEREAS, Current FY 1988 levels of funding were cut below the previous year's levels; and
- WHEREAS, The House total for FY 1989 for LSCA, HEA II and Chapter 2 programs is less than the total for FY 1987; and
- WHEREAS, Adequate levels of funding for federal library programs are necessary to support innovative library services and broadened educational opportunities and access to needed information for all people in the United States; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urge the House-Senate conferees on HR 4783, the FY 1989 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill, to provide, where amounts differ in the two versions, the House-passed levels for LSCA I, LSCA III, HEA II-D, and ESEA I Chapter 2.

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American Library Association
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