

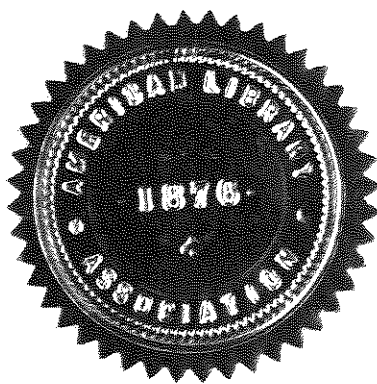
# ALA American Library Association

## *Memorial Resolution Honoring James Joseph Michael*

- Whereas,* James Joseph Michael, born on November 4, 1927, in Waukesha, Wisconsin and was a pioneer in the Z39.50 library automation development and implementation and passed away at the age of 81 on May 20, 2009; and
- Whereas,* Over the course of his library career, James Joseph Michael was an active participant in the American Library Association and the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA); and
- Whereas,* In 1995 James Joseph Michael was named a National Information Standards Organization (NISO) Fellow in recognition of his extensive work on the development of national and international voluntary standards for libraries, publishing and information services; and
- Whereas,* In 1992 James Joseph Michael won the prestigious LITA/Gaylord Award for Achievement in Library and Information Technology; and
- Whereas,* James Joseph Michael served as Vice President and Library Consultant for Data Research Associates starting in 1978 and he traveled extensively, advising librarians and designing and selling library systems through the United States, Puerto Rico, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, and England; and
- Whereas,* As a pioneer in library automation, James Joseph Michael was instrumental in developing the online automated system for the St. Louis Public Library; and
- Whereas,* James Joseph Michael served as Supervisor of Branches starting in 1968 and then Supervisor of the St. Louis Public Library; and

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- Whereas,* James Joseph Michael received a Masters of Library Science from the University of Illinois in 1963; and
- Whereas,* Prior to entering the library and information technology field, James Joseph Michael achieved a Masters of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in 1953 and a Masters Degree in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies from the University of Wisconsin and James Joseph Michael joined the faculty at Concordia Seminary in 1960 where he was appointed director of the Seminary Library and where he was inspired to further his knowledge of how to properly administer a library; and
- Whereas,* James Joseph Michael was a beloved mentor to many in the field of libraries and library automation and he gently guided them by sharing his incredible knowledge and expertise on libraries and a wide range of other subjects; and
- Whereas,* James Joseph Michael was a remarkable man, with a huge appetite for funny stories, libraries, life, family and food – all of which he enjoyed with relish; and
- Whereas,* James Joseph Michael touched the lives of many people and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved,* That the American Library Association (ALA):



1. Recognizes and celebrates the lifetime achievements of James Joseph Michael; and
2. Extends its members' deepest sympathy to James Joseph Michael's surviving family, friends, and colleagues; and
3. Honors the memory of James Joseph Michael by it being further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to his family members, as well as to former colleagues and SirsiDynix, Davandy LLC and the St. Louis Public Library

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Wednesday, July 15, 2009  
In Chicago, Illinois

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Michael Fiels".

Keith Michael Fiels  
ALA Executive Director and ALA Council Secretary