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RESOLUTION ON ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

WHEREAS, The Library of Congress offers services to the nation’s libraries in the acquisition, preservation, organization, and access to information; and

WHEREAS, The Library of Congress will become increasingly important to a networked nation and requires resources to stay at the forefront of information technology; and

WHEREAS, The Library of Congress has lost over 400 employees and $19 million in purchasing power in the last two years; and

WHEREAS, There is a strong possibility that the Legislative Branch FY94 budget will suffer a 7.5% cut across the board which would devastate the Library’s national programs; and

WHEREAS, The FY95 budget request of $358 million will provide additional funding only for price increases and mandatory salary increases; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urge Congress to protect the Library’s FY94 funding and approve the Library’s full budget request for FY95, thereby protecting the Library’s services to the nation.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Los Angeles, California
February 9, 1994
(Council Document 21.2)