

Resolution in support of the SKILLS Act

Whereas, the Kansas Library Association values the children of Kansas, and

Whereas, the Kansas Library Association recognizes the value provided by Certified Media Specialists to the education of children, and

Whereas, the Kansas Library Association recognizes the omission of Certified Media Specialists from No Child Left Behind, be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas Library Association supports the resolution passed by the American Library Association at the Annual Meeting, June 25-27, 2007 in Washington, DC, which states that:

“Resolved, that the ALA urge the passage of the SKILLS Act with provisions to be included in any reauthorization of “No child left behind” The provisions are (1) to include school library media specialists who meet the criteria established by the state educational agency as highly qualified in NCLB, (2) to require school districts, to the extent feasible, to ensure that every school within the district employs at least one highly qualified school library media specialists; (3) to allow state and local professional development funds (Title II) to be used to assist in recruiting and training highly qualified school library media specialists: and be it Resolved, that the ALA communicate [this resolution] to the United States Congress, and the President of the United States.” And be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be communicated to the American Library Association, and all elected members representing the State of Kansas in the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives.

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