

TRIBUTE RESOLUTION OF HEARTFELT APPRECIATION HONORING DR. RAYMOND PUN

Whereas throughout his career Dr. Raymond Pun has worked tirelessly to promote Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging;

Whereas Dr. Pun served as President of the [Chinese American Librarian Association](#) and the [Asian Pacific American Librarians Association](#);

Whereas Dr. Pun is an exemplar first-generation immigrant college student;

Whereas Dr. Pun has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Master of Arts degree in East Asian Studies from St. John's University, a Master of Library Science degree from CUNY Queens College, and a Doctor of Educational Leadership from California State University, Fresno;

Whereas Dr. Pun has over 17 years of experience as a librarian in New York, Shanghai, and California;

Whereas "Dr. Pun exemplifies the best of our profession in his commitment to shared values of intellectual freedom, equal access to information for all, and the importance of libraries in all of our communities," as per ALA President Emily Drabinski;

Whereas he has served in a myriad of ALA committees including two Presidential Advisory Committees for Loida Garcia-Febo (2018-2019) and Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada (2022-2023);

Whereas the Committee of 100, the leading organization for Chinese Americans on civic engagement, public policy, arts, culture and philanthropy, selected Dr. Pun as part of its Committee of 100's Next Generation Leaders (NGL) 2023;

Whereas Dr. Pun is a Lifetime member of the Black Caucus American Library Association (BCALA) and has served as an active committee member and supporter of the mission of BCALA;

Whereas Dr. Pun is a Lifetime member of REFORMA and has served as an active member and integral part in the establishment of the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan;

Whereas Dr. Pun is a Lifetime member of APALA and has served as an active member, former president, and longtime supporter of APALA's values of advocacy and social justice;

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Whereas Dr. Pun is a Lifetime member of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) and has served as an active member and has been instrumental in establishing partnerships with organizations to advance the mission of CALA;

Whereas the American Indian Library Association doesn't have a Lifetime membership, but Dr. Pun has maintained continuous membership for many years and has collaborated in various committees and efforts throughout the years;

Whereas the National Associations of Librarians of Color, AILA, APALA, BCALA, CALA and REFORMA have released a statement of appreciation honoring Dr. Pun;

Whereas his sense of humor, kindness, energy and graciousness has enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with him;

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes Dr. Raymond Pun's achievements and his contributions to the world of librarianship and specifically to ALA and its members; and
2. expresses its appreciation and gratitude for those contributions and wishes him well in all the years to come, with many members looking forward to his continued interest in and support of libraries.

Shauntee Burns-Simpson: BCALA Councilor
Twanna Hodge: ALA At-Large-Councilor

Endorsed in principle by:

AILA The American Indian Library Association
APALA The Asian Pacific American Librarians Association
BCALA The Black Caucus of the American Library Association
CALA The Chinese American Librarians Association
REFORMA The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking

Individuals:

Loida Garcia-Febo, ALA President 2018-2019
Vincci Kwong, CALA President 2023-2024
Robin Kear, University of Pittsburgh
Jaena Rae Cabrera, APALA President 2023-2025
David Loepz, REFORMA President 2023-2024

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