



Memorial Resolution Honoring Judith S. Rowe

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader data community mourns our great loss with the death of Judith S. Rowe at the age of 91 on May 5, 2022;

Whereas Judith Rowe was visionary in seeing the role of data collection, distribution, documentation, distribution, interpretation, and preservation as an integral part of research and policy. D ataset s are viewed as important as monographs and serials due to her actions ;

Whereas in 2012 Judith Rowe was awarded the James Bennett Childs Award from the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) which honors an individual who has made a lifetime and significant contribution to the field of documents librarians hip: "...Ms. Rowe has published extensively, lobbied intensely, and organized profusely for improved government statistical reporting. For years she has been GODORT's conscience on machine -readable files. She led the way for the creation of the Census Bureaus' State Data Center program in 1979. As GODORT's expert on machine- readable files, she greatly influenced ALA's Association for



Whereas Judith Rowe created opportunities for women in the data world , that were seen as the domain of male political scientists in the 1960s & 1970s , and was a role model for a new generation of data librarians and archivists , emphasizing the importance of respecting others regardless of academic status;

Whereas Judith Rowe's legacy is a community committed to working toward safe and open data, building on the vision she articulated and the profession for which she laid the groundwork; and

Whereas Judith S. Rowe led a remarkable life as a pillar of the data community , she was a men (m)-2 (u)-2(a)3 (.00324] [(w) (m)-2 (2 72 5eld [(e)10 (m)ni2 -0 0 1:3)1 (em))1 (em)bTd ()T.