Memorial Tribute to Elizabeth Carroll

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Carroll, librarian, homesteader, world traveler, environmentalist and supporter of social justice died on February 19, 2005 at age 91; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Carroll was educated at Regis College and received a certificate in library science from Simmons College in Boston; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Carroll traveled widely, was employed by the American Red Cross and the U.S. Army as a civilian employee, established libraries on bases across Southeast Asia before settling in Alaska in the 1950s where she established libraries in communities across the territory; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Carroll was the librarian at Alaska Methodist University, where she established the finest Alaskana collection in SouthCentral Alaska before the Alaska Methodist University and University of Alaska Anchorage libraries were consolidated in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Carroll moved to Kodiak to direct the A. Holmes Johnson Memorial Library until her retirement in 1983, and returned to homestead life in Eagle River during the winters and fishing in Kodiak in the summers; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Carroll was a founding member of the Alaska Library Association in August of 1960 and President of AkLA in 1965-66; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Carroll was awarded a Lifetime Honorary Membership in Alaska Library Association in 1984 for her many outstanding contributions to Alaskan libraries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Alaska Library Association expresses its sincere sympathy to her family, many friends and colleagues.

Moved by: Judith Anglin, AkLA Past President

Seconded by: AkLA Members: Mary Jennings

Elizabeth’s family asks that any Memorial Donations be made to the Carroll Fund at the Alaska Community Foundation, 264-6044.