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REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR

HEARTSILL YOUNG

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Heartsill Young, associate professor, information, has filed with the secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary
The General Faculty

IN MEMORIAM

HEARTSILL YOUNG

Heartsill Young, a longtime faculty member and alumnus of the School of Information, died at the age of ninety-three in Mason, Texas, on January 28, 2011. A native Texan, Mr. Young was born in San Augustine on Texas Independence Day, March 2, 1917.

Mr. Young earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from The University of Texas at Austin in 1938, and he enlisted in the navy in 1944, serving as a communications officer in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II. After several positions in business, he attended the UT Austin Graduate School of Library Science, earning his Master in Library Science degree in 1953. He worked at the UT Austin Libraries as assistant librarian for technical services and then as assistant librarian for public services before joining the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences (GSLIS), where he served as assistant dean from 1978 to 1988.

Mr. Young was a leader in the Texas library community, serving as president of both the Texas Library Association (TLA) and the Southwestern Library Association. He was the longtime editor of the Texas Library Journal and was influential in shaping public policy to support Texas libraries. Mr. Young co-chaired the Texas Governor’s Conference on Libraries, which led to the formation of a statewide library system, and helped write the Texas Library Systems Act of 1969. He was named Texas Librarian of the Year in 1970 by the TLA; then, for the TLA Centennial in 2002, he was honored as one of the 100 “giants” in the history of Texas libraries. As an academic, Mr. Young wrote a number of influential papers and books and edited The ALA Glossary of Library and Information Science in 1983.

Mr. Young’s wife, Fay, preceded him in death in 2006. He is survived by his sister, Ellen Love Burrows; two sons, David and John; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Andrew Dillon (chair) and Barbara Immoth and staff member Luke Dunlap.

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