



**ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section laudatory resolution for William L. Joyce**

*Approved by the RBMS Executive Committee 18 June, 2010*

WHEREAS, William L. Joyce has distinguished himself as a leader of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College and Research Libraries for more than twenty-five years, including service as Vice-Chair, Chair, and Past-Chair (1987-1989); and

WHEREAS, William L. Joyce served as Vice-President and President (1985-1987) of the Society of American Archivists as well as in many other leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, William L. Joyce was awarded the highest honor of the Society of American Archivists as a distinguished Fellow (1981); and

WHEREAS, William L. Joyce was appointed by President William J. Clinton to the Assassination Records Review Board and served as a respected member of the archival profession (1993-1994); and

WHEREAS, William L. Joyce has given generously of his time in service to numerous other academic and professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, William L. Joyce has been a leader within major academic and research libraries throughout the United States over the course of his career, including the Pennsylvania State University (2000-2010), Princeton University (1986-2000), the New York Public Library (1981-1986), the American Antiquarian Society (1977-1981), and the University of Michigan (1968-1972); and

WHEREAS, William L. Joyce has been a prolific author and speaker, contributing substantially to the advancement of his profession; and

WHEREAS, William L. Joyce organized the successful 1989 RBMS conference on “Markets for Books and Manuscripts: The Trade in Antiquarian Materials” held in Cambridge, England, the first international RBMS preconference; and

WHEREAS, William L. Joyce has been an active, generous, and wise mentor to countless fellow librarians and archivists; and

WHEREAS, William L. Joyce is widely admired for his collegial approach to professional collaborations of every possible kind; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section honors William L. Joyce on the occasion of his retirement from the Pennsylvania State University, thanks him for his exceptional contributions to our profession, and wishes him a long and happy future in the company of his family and friends.