



## **Memorial Resolution Honoring David Christopher “Chris” Cottrell**

**Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives lost a valued colleague on March 17, 2023, with the death of David Christopher “Chris” Cottrell;**

**Whereas Cottrell worked with the Federal government for over 30 years, he joined the National Archives and Records Administration in 1992; Cottrell worked in the Smithsonian Libraries, National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Libraries, and National Air and Space Museum; he was the head librarian of the National Air and Space Museum Library; Tamar Evangelestia-Dougherty, Smithsonian Libraries and Archives Director, shared, “Chris leaves a lasting and powerful legacy at Smithsonian and beyond.”**

**Whereas Cottrell received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1995 and Master of Library Science degree in 1998 from the University of Maryland, College Park;**

**Whereas Cottrell was described as passionate and knowledgeable about history, especially US military and naval history; he was an active member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis; Cottrell was a friend, colleague, and mentor to many; now therefore, be it**

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

- 1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of David Christopher “Chris” Cottrell over the course of his career and mourns his death; and**
- 2. extends its sincerest condolences to his friends and family.**

**Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Monday, June 26, 2023, AIA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tacie D. Hall', is written over a background of the American Library Association logo.

**Tacie D. Hall, Executive Director, and  
Secretary of the AIA Council**