RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR RABIA GIBBS

Whereas, Rabia Gibbs, served as Assistant Professor and Librarian at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

Whereas, Rabia Gibbs, received a Master of Library and Information Science in archives and preservation management from the University of Pittsburgh in 2009; and

Whereas, Rabia Gibbs, joined the University of Tennessee Libraries in 2010 as the Diversity Resident Librarian; and

Whereas, Rabia Gibbs, throughout her career was dedicated to, diversifying the archival record through sustainable outreach practices, and creating collaborative digital projects that provided open access to underrepresented collections; and

Whereas, Rabia Gibbs, received a grant in 2013 from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) to support the digitization of the World War II Oral History Migration Project; and in 2012 American Archivist, the peer-reviewed journal of the Society of American Archivists, published her article, “The Heart of the Matter: The Developmental History of African American Archives”; and

Whereas, Rabia Gibbs, held professional memberships in the American Library Association and the Society of American Archivists; diligently serving on the Diversity Committee from 2010 to 2013, and as Newsletter Editor for the Archivists & Archives of Color Roundtable from 2010 to 2012; and

Whereas, the Archivists & Archives of Color Roundtable and the archival profession have sustained a great loss in the passing of Rabia Gibbs; therefore be it

Resolved, that we recognize the achievements and distinguished career of Rabia Gibbs; and be it further

Resolved, that the roundtable expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of Rabia Gibbs, that we place a copy of this resolution in the permanent archives of the Society of American Archivists, and that we also submit a copy of this resolution recognizing Rabia Gibbs for her contributions to the Council of the Society of American Archivists to be adopted, in order to show her loved ones and colleagues the high esteem in which we hold her life and her legacy.

Respectfully submitted,

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