

118TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 904

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 21 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 20), 2024

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America.

Whereas the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America (referred to in this preamble as the "ABAA"), founded in 1949 in New York City, is the oldest association of professional antiquarian booksellers in the United States;

Whereas, in all parts of the country, the ABAA's member businesses advocate the highest standards in the book trade, maintaining trust and integrity with the public by upholding a strict code of ethics while striving to create harmony between sellers, librarians, scholars and collectors;

Whereas the ABAA promotes interest in rare and antiquarian books and book collecting by supporting educational programs and research, including the Elisabeth Woodburn

Educational Fund, which provides scholarships to rare book schools and offers ongoing financial support to the Bibliographical Society of America and the National Collegiate Book Collecting Contest;

Whereas the ABAA fosters collegial relations between members of the trade, runs a mentorship program for new booksellers, and administers the Antiquarian Booksellers' Benevolent Fund to support member and non-member businesses alike in times of unexpected hardship;

Whereas the ABAA is a member of the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers and, therefore, is part of a global network that promotes and connects booksellers worldwide;

Whereas the ABAA has consistently worked for booksellers and the book community at large in a rapidly changing world;

Whereas the ABAA has adapted to new arenas of collecting, including handmade ephemera, games, photographs, historic documents, letters, and electronic media;

Whereas the ABAA promotes the progression of the skill and general knowledge that is particular to the trade;

Whereas the ABAA has arranged special events in combination with its annual fairs to commemorate its 75th anniversary;

Whereas the ABAA is committed, through internships, prizes, and educational programming, to cultivating a vibrant and welcoming community of booksellers and book buyers; and

Whereas the ABAA continues to innovate and adapt, searching for new ways to expand and serve the evolving community of collectors: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes and celebrates the 75th anniver-
3 sary of the establishment of the Antiquarian Book-
4 sellers' Association of America; and

5 (2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
6 the Senate transmit enrolled copies of this resolution
7 to the president and executive director of the Anti-
8 quarian Booksellers' Association of America.

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