

TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

*Resolution Honoring
State Representative Erin Zwiener*

- WHEREAS,* Texas libraries have faced unprecedented censorship over the past two years; and
- WHEREAS,* According to PEN America, Texas leads the country in book bans with 438 instances of book bans by school districts between July and December 2022; and
- WHEREAS,* During the 88th Legislative Session nearly 40 bills were filed seeking to regulate content in school libraries, criminalize librarians for providing educational resources, and prohibit certain programming in public libraries; and
- WHEREAS,* Representative Erin Zwiener championed the freedom to read and challenged efforts to impose state control over information and resources provided by libraries to millions of Texas school children; and
- WHEREAS,* Representative Zwiener, an educator and children’s book author, has a deep appreciation and understanding of the essential role libraries play in public education; and
- WHEREAS,* Representative Zwiener created a banned book library in her Capitol office to raise awareness of the threat to the freedom to read; and
- WHEREAS,* Representative Zwiener was a vocal advocate for libraries throughout the legislative session, offering compelling arguments against legislation specifically targeting school libraries and their ability to serve all students; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,* That the Texas Library Association, on behalf of its 5,000 members, hereby expresses sincere thanks and appreciation to Representative Erin Zwiener for her leadership and unwavering support of Texas libraries and the freedom to read.

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