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ERNEST G. "GIL" BALDWIN III APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF GPO'S LIBRARY PROGRAMS SERVICE

Ernest G. "Gil" Baldwin III has been appointed as the Director of the GPO's Library Programs Service (LPS), effective November 22, 1998. A unit of GPO's Superintendent of Documents organization, the LPS administers the Federal Depository Library Program, under which Federal documents are disseminated to a network of approximately 1,400 libraries nationwide where they are made available for the free use of the public. The LPS also administers the Cataloging and Indexing Program for Federal documents and performs the distribution of official Federal documents to foreign nations pursuant to international treaties.

Commenting on the appointment of Mr. Baldwin by Superintendent of Documents Francis J. Buckley, Jr., Public Printer Michael F. DiMario stated, "For GPO and the American library community, Gil is an experienced, knowledgeable leader who will guide our Library Programs Service effectively and in the public's best interest."

Mr. Baldwin began his career with GPO in 1973 indexing the *Congressional Record*. A year later he joined the Library Programs Service as a cataloger and has since held a variety of staff and management positions involving the Federal Depository Library Program. A GPO official widely known to the library community, Mr. Baldwin has

served since 1994 as the Chief of the LPS's Library Division. Previously he served as the Chief of the Cataloging Branch and as a program analyst. He was the principal author of the strategic plan portion of GPO's congressionally-mandated 1996 study that outlined the FDLP's transition to a more electronic future. Recently he has been concentrating on the development of permanent public access initiatives for the FDLP.

A native Virginian, Mr. Baldwin received his B.A. from the College of William and Mary and his M.L.S. from Florida State University. He resides in Springfield, VA, with his wife Bonnie and their two sons, Daniel and Benjamin.

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