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GPO REMEMBERS VIRGINIA SAUNDERS

WASHINGTON— One of the longest serving employees in the U.S. Government Printing Office's (GPO) history, Virginia Saunders, passed away on June 19. She recently celebrated 64 years of Federal service. Virginia began serving our country in 1945 as a clerk typist at the FBI. She arrived at GPO a year later and devoted herself to Congressional work. Since 1969, Virginia had been responsible for the Congressional Serial Set—a case-bound compilation of all House and Senate documents and reports for each session of Congress. The American Library Association's Government Documents Round Table bestowed the James Bennett Childs Award on her for "distinguished contributions to documents librarianship" in 1999. The award was presented to Virginia in recognition of her lifetime and significant contributions towards the compilation and publication of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set.

Link to a video of Virginia's career and contributions:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9iK4z1qKZ4&feature=channel_page

"Virginia dedicated her life to federal service. Her devotion to GPO and our country was remarkable," said Public Printer Bob Tapella. "She touched so many lives, in so many ways. Virginia Saunders will be deeply missed by the GPO family. She was our rock."

"Virginia was more than a co-worker, she was my good friend," said Diane Ferguson, a co-worker. "I appreciate Virginia taking me under her wing and teaching me the importance of the Congressional Serial Set. She was an icon to many GPO employees. I will miss her very much."

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