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# H. RES. 158

Encouraging people in the United States to recognize Friday, March 1,  
2019, as Read Across America Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mrs. DAVIS of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## RESOLUTION

Encouraging people in the United States to recognize Friday,  
March 1, 2019, as Read Across America Day.

Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education and professional success, and is a source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas the people of the United States must be able to read if the United States is to remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and providing additional resources for reading assistance, including through the programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) and through annual appropriations for library and literacy programs; and

Whereas more than 50 national organizations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association (NEA) to use March 2nd to celebrate reading and all authors who ignite a love of reading: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) honors all authors for their success in en-  
3       couraging children to discover the joy of reading, in-  
4       cluding authors like Theodor Geisel (also known as  
5       “Dr. Seuss”), and Patricia McKissack;

6               (2) honors the 22nd anniversary of Read Across  
7       America Day;

8               (3) encourages parents, educators, and commu-  
9       nities to read with their children for at least 30 min-  
10       utes on Read Across America Day in honor of the  
11       commitment of the House of Representatives to  
12       building a Nation of readers; and

13               (4) encourages the people of the United States  
14       to observe Read Across America Day with appro-  
15       priate ceremonies and activities.

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