

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 602

Encouraging people in the United States to recognize March 2, 2012, as
Read Across America Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2012

Mrs. BIGGERT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Encouraging people in the United States to recognize March
2, 2012, 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 read-
ing assistance, including through the programs author-
ized in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
1965 and programs such as Early Reading First, Im-
proving Literacy through School Libraries, and Striving
Readers; and

Whereas more than 50 national organizations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association (NEA) to use March 2 to celebrate reading and the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr.
3 Seuss, for his success in encouraging children to dis-
4 cover the joy of reading;

5 (2) honors the 14th anniversary of Read Across
6 America Day;

7 (3) encourages parents to read with their chil-
8 dren for at least 30 minutes on Read Across Amer-
9 ica Day in honor of the commitment of the House
10 of Representatives to building a Nation of readers;
11 and

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

○