

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 384

Designating March 2, 2016, as “Read Across America Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2016

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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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 to designate March 2, the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel (commonly known as “Dr. Seuss”), as a day to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates March 2, 2016, as “Read Across
3 America Day”;

4 (2) honors Theodor Geisel (commonly known as
5 “Dr. Seuss”) for his success in encouraging children
6 to discover the joy of reading;

7 (3) celebrates the 19th anniversary of Read
8 Across America Day;

9 (4) encourages parents to read with their chil-
10 dren for at least 30 minutes on Read Across Amer-
11 ica Day in honor of the commitment of the Senate
12 to building a country of readers; and

13 (5) 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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