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S. RES. 512

Designating March 2, 2020, as “Read Across America Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas reading is—

- (1) a basic requirement for quality education and professional success; and
- (2) 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—

- (1) the programs authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.); and

(2) 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, 2020, as “Read Across
3 America Day”;

4 (2) honors—

5 (A) all authors for their success in encour-
6 aging children to discover the joy of reading;
7 and

8 (B) the 23rd anniversary of Read Across
9 America Day; and

10 (3) encourages—

11 (A) parents, educators, and communities—

12 (i) to read with children for at least
13 30 minutes on Read Across America Day;
14 and

15 (ii) in honor of the commitment of the
16 Senate to building a country of readers, to
17 promote a love of reading and opportuni-
18 ties for all children to see themselves re-
19 flected in literature; and

1 (B) the people of the United States to ob-
2 serve Read Across America Day with appro-
3 priate ceremonies and activities.

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