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S. RES. 52

Designating March 2, 2009, as “Read Across America Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) 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, through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–110) and the Reading First, Early Reading First, and Improving Literacy Through School Libraries programs, has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and providing additional resources for reading assistance; and

Whereas more than 50 national organizations concerned about reading and education have joined with the Na-

tional Education Association to use March 2, the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates March 2, 2009, as “Read Across
3 America Day”;

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

7 (3) honors the 12th anniversary of Read Across
8 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 Nation of readers; and

13 (5) encourages the people of the United States
14 to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and
15 activities.

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