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Joint Resolution

To designate the week of November 28 through December 5, 1988, as "National Book Week".

Nov. 7, 1988
[S.J. Res. 342]

Whereas an informed electorate is vital to a strong democracy;
Whereas books have been replaced by television as a primary source of information and entertainment;
Whereas books have provided the means whereby our history and knowledge have passed from one generation to the next;
Whereas a national effort to promote books and writers would complement efforts of literacy programs, encourage reading, and advance the literature of the United States;
Whereas the Department of Education estimates the adult illiteracy rate to be 13 percent (17,000,000 to 21,000,000 persons) among United States adults over 19 years of age;
Whereas illiteracy impairs the ability to learn, analyze, and communicate; and
Whereas this Nation must make a concerted effort to teach its citizens how to read and make them aware of the vast benefits of literacy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of November 28 through December 5, 1988, is designated as "National Book Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 7, 1988.

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