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H. RES. 1541

Expressing support for designation of October 7, 2010, as national
“Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2010

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado (for herself and Mr. COURTNEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

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national “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”.

Whereas Jumpstart, a national early education organization,
is working to ensure that all children in the United
States enter school prepared to succeed;

Whereas year-round, Jumpstart recruits and trains college
students and community volunteers to work with pre-
school children in low-income communities, helping them
to develop the language and literacy skills they need to
succeed in school and in life;

Whereas since 1993, Jumpstart has engaged over 20,000
adults in service to more than 70,000 young children in
communities across the Nation;

Whereas Jumpstart’s Read for the Record, presented in partnership with Pearson, is a world record-breaking campaign, now in its fifth year, that harnesses the power of reading by bringing adults and children together to read the same book on the same day;

Whereas the goals of the campaign are to raise national awareness of the early literacy crisis, provide books to children in low-income households through donations and sponsorship, celebrate the commencement of Jumpstart’s program year, and raise money to support Jumpstart’s year-long work with preschool children;

Whereas Jumpstart hopes to engage 2,500,000 children to read Ezra Jack Keats’ “The Snowy Day” during this record-breaking celebration of reading, service, and fun, all in support of the Nation’s preschool children; and

Whereas October 7, 2010, would be an appropriate date to designate as national “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day” because it is the date Jumpstart aims to set a new world record for the world’s largest shared reading experience: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “Jumpstart’s
3 Read for the Record Day”;

4 (2) commends Jumpstart’s Read for the Record
5 in its fifth year;

6 (3) encourages adults, including grandparents,
7 parents, teachers, and college students, to join chil-
8 dren in creating the world’s largest shared reading
9 experience and to show their support for early lit-

1 eracy and Jumpstart's early education programming
2 for young children in low-income communities; and
3 (4) respectfully requests the Clerk of the House
4 to transmit a copy of this resolution to Jumpstart,
5 one of the Nation's leading nonprofit organizations
6 in the field of early childhood education.

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