

112TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 602

Encouraging people in the United States to recognize March 2, 2012, as  
Read Across America Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2012

Mrs. BIGGERT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Encouraging people in the United States to recognize March  
2, 2012, as Read Across America Day.

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 read-  
ing assistance, including through the programs author-  
ized in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
1965 and programs such as Early Reading First, Im-  
proving Literacy through School Libraries, and Striving  
Readers; and

Whereas more than 50 national organizations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association (NEA) to use March 2 to celebrate reading and the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

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

5               (2) honors the 14th anniversary of Read Across  
6       America Day;

7               (3) encourages parents to read with their chil-  
8       dren for at least 30 minutes on Read Across Amer-  
9       ica Day in honor of the commitment of the House  
10      of Representatives to building a Nation of readers;  
11      and

12              (4) encourages the people of the United States  
13      to observe Read Across America Day with appro-  
14      priate ceremonies and activities.

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