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S. RES. 584

Designating October 4, 2012, as “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 21), 2012

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating October 4, 2012, as “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”.

Whereas Jumpstart, a national early education organization, is working to ensure that every child in the United States enters school prepared to succeed;

Whereas Jumpstart delivers a year-round research-based and cost-effective program by training college students and community volunteers to serve preschool age children in low-income neighborhoods, helping them to develop the language and literacy skills necessary to succeed in school and in life;

Whereas, since 1993, Jumpstart has trained nearly 25,000 college students and community volunteers to transform

the lives of more than 42,000 preschool children in communities across the United States;

Whereas Jumpstart’s Read for the Record, presented in partnership with the Pearson Foundation, is a national campaign that culminates in one day of the year when millions of people in the United States come together to celebrate literacy and support Jumpstart in its efforts to promote early childhood education;

Whereas the goals of the campaign are to raise awareness in the United States of the importance of early childhood education, support Jumpstart’s early education programs in preschools in low-income neighborhoods through donations and sponsorship, and celebrate the commencement of Jumpstart’s program year;

Whereas October 4, 2012, is an appropriate date to designate as “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day” because it is the date Jumpstart aims to set the world record for the largest shared reading experience; and

Whereas Jumpstart hopes to engage more than 2,200,000 children in reading “Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad” by David Soman and Jacky Davis during this record-breaking celebration of reading and service, all in support of preschool children in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates October 4, 2012, as
3 “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”;

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

1 (3) encourages adults, including grandparents,
2 parents, teachers, and college students—

3 (A) to join children in creating the world’s
4 largest shared reading experience; and

5 (B) to show their support for literacy and
6 Jumpstart’s early education programming for
7 young children in low-income communities; and

8 (4) requests the Secretary of the Senate to
9 transmit a copy of this resolution to Jumpstart, one
10 of the leading nonprofit organizations in the United
11 States in the field of early childhood education.

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