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S. RES. 257

Designating October 3, 2013, as “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 24), 2013

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating October 3, 2013, 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 can enter kindergarten prepared to succeed;

Whereas Jumpstart recruits and trains college students and community volunteers year-round to deliver a high-quality early education curriculum to preschool children in low-income neighborhoods, helping preschool children develop the key language and literacy skills they need in order to succeed in school and in life;

Whereas, since 1993, Jumpstart has engaged nearly 28,000 adults in service to more than 50,000 young 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 1 day out 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 Jumpstart’s Read for the Record are—

(1) to raise awareness of the importance of early childhood education in the United States;

(2) to support the mission of Jumpstart, as well as early education programs established by Jumpstart in preschools in low-income neighborhoods; and

(3) to celebrate the commencement of Jumpstart’s program year;

Whereas October 3, 2013, would be an appropriate date to designate as “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day” because it is the date on which Jumpstart aims to set the world record for the largest shared reading experience; and

Whereas Jumpstart hopes to engage more than 2,385,305 adults and children in reading “Otis”, by Loren Long, during a record-breaking celebration of reading and service, in support of preschool children in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates October 3, 2013, as
3 “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”;

4 (2) commends Jumpstart’s Read for the Record
5 on its 8th year;

1 (3) encourages adults, including grandparents,
2 parents, teachers, and college students, to join chil-
3 dren in creating the world's largest shared reading
4 experience and to show their support for early lit-
5 eracy and Jumpstart's early education programming
6 for young children in low-income communities; and
7 (4) respectfully requests the Secretary of the
8 Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to
9 Jumpstart, one of the leading nonprofit organiza-
10 tions in the United States in the field of early child-
11 hood education.

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