

115TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 94

Designating March 2017 as “National Read Aloud Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2017

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. HARRIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

APRIL 4, 2017

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas medical experts have concluded that reading aloud is the “single most important” activity in which parents can participate in order to prepare their children to read and learn;

Whereas recent research has concluded that, by 3 years of age, there is a gap in early brain development between children whose parents read to them and children whose parents do not;

Whereas Congress has highlighted the importance of early childhood literacy by including funding for State comprehensive literacy plans and targeted funds toward early

childhood education programs in the Every Student Succeeds Act (Public Law 114–95; 129 Stat. 1802);

Whereas, in 2013, Read Aloud 15 MINUTES launched a decade-long national campaign highlighting the importance of reading aloud to children, starting from birth; and

Whereas Read Aloud 15 MINUTES now has more than 21 National Leadership Partners and 10,000 grassroots partners, including day care facilities, schools, libraries, health centers, and rotary clubs in all 50 States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates March 2017 as “National Read
3 Aloud Month”; and

4 (2) encourages parents and guardians to read
5 to their children for 15 minutes every day because
6 of the developmental benefits that activity has for
7 children.

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