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H. RES. 168

Encouraging people in the United States to recognize March 2, 2017, as
Read Across America Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mrs. DAVIS of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Encouraging people in the United States to recognize March
2, 2017, 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 reading assistance, including through the programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) and through annual appropriations for library and literacy programs; 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 20th 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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