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Designating 1989 as "Year of the Young Reader".

Whereas books and reading are the basic nourishment of a growing mind and the foundation of a child's future education and enrichment;

Whereas developing children into readers today is the best way to ensuring a literate and informed citizenry tomorrow;

Whereas the Book Industry Study Group and others have reported a decline in book reading among young people in recent years; and

Whereas since 1983 the National Commission on Excellence, the Commission on Reading, and the Librarian of Congress have urged this Nation to give renewed attention to encouraging a love of books and reading among our young people: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That 1989 is designated the "Year of the Young Reader", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation encouraging parents, educators, librarians, government officials, members of the book community, corporations, associations, and the people of the United States to observe such year with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities aimed at giving our children and young adults the gift, the joy, and the promise of reading.

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