

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# **S. RES. 69**

Designating March 3, 2003, as “Read Across America Day”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## **RESOLUTION**

Designating March 3, 2003, “Read Across America Day”.

Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education and professional success, and a source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas Americans must be able to read if the Nation is to remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress, through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110) and the new Reading First, Early Reading First, and Improving Literacy Through School Libraries programs, has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and additional resources for reading assistance; and

Whereas more than 40 national associations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association to use March 2, the anniversary of

the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2                (1) designates March 3, 2003, as “Read Across  
3                America Day”;

4                (2) honors Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr.  
5                Seuss, for his success in encouraging children to dis-  
6                cover the joy of reading;

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 Dr. Seuss and in a celebration  
10                of reading; and

11                (4) requests that the President issue a procla-  
12                mation calling on the people of the United States to  
13                observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and ac-  
14                tivities.

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