

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 496

Designating April 23, 2010, as “National Adopt A Library Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 22, 2010

Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Ms. SNOWE)
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating April 23, 2010, as “National Adopt A Library
Day”.

Whereas libraries are an essential part of the communities
and the national system of education in the United
States;

Whereas the people of the United States benefit significantly
from libraries that serve as an open place for people of
all ages and backgrounds to make use of books and other
resources that offer pathways to learning, self-discovery,
and the pursuit of knowledge;

Whereas the libraries of the United States depend on the
generous donations and support of individuals and groups
to ensure that people who are unable to purchase books
still have access to a wide variety of resources;

Whereas certain nonprofit organizations facilitate the donation of books to schools and libraries across the United States—

(1) to extend the joys of reading to millions of people of the United States; and

(2) to prevent used books from being thrown away;

Whereas, as of the date of agreement to this resolution, the libraries of the United States have provided valuable resources to individuals affected by the economic crisis by encouraging continued education and job training; and

Whereas several States that recognize the importance of libraries and reading have adopted resolutions commemorating April 23 as “Adopt A Library Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates April 23, 2010, as “National
3 Adopt A Library Day”;

4 (2) honors the organizations that facilitate do-
5 nations to schools and libraries;

6 (3) urges all people of the United States who
7 own unused books to donate the unused books to
8 local libraries;

9 (4) strongly supports children and families who
10 take advantage of the resources provided by schools
11 and libraries; and

1 (5) encourages the people of the United States
2 to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and
3 activities.

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