

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 298

Expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2011, as the “National Day on Writing”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 18, 2011

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2011, as the “National Day on Writing”.

Whereas people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are writing more than ever before for personal, professional, and civic purposes;

Whereas the social nature of writing invites people of every age, profession, and walk of life to create meaning through composing;

Whereas more and more people in every occupation deem writing as essential and influential in their work;

Whereas writers continue to learn how to write for different purposes, audiences, and occasions throughout their lifetimes;

Whereas developing digital technologies expand the possibilities for composing in multiple media at a faster pace than ever before;

Whereas young people are leading the way in developing new forms of composing by using different forms of digital media;

Whereas effective communication contributes to building a global economy and a global community;

Whereas the National Council of Teachers of English, in conjunction with its many national and local partners, honors and celebrates the importance of writing through the National Day on Writing;

Whereas the National Day on Writing celebrates the foundational place of writing in the personal, professional, and civic lives of the people of the United States;

Whereas the National Day on Writing provides an opportunity for individuals across the United States to share and exhibit their written works through the National Gallery of Writing;

Whereas the National Day on Writing highlights the importance of writing instruction and practice at every educational level and in every subject area;

Whereas the National Day on Writing emphasizes the lifelong process of learning to write and compose for different audiences, purposes, and occasions;

Whereas the National Day on Writing honors the use of the full range of media for composing, from traditional tools like print, audio, and video, to Web 2.0 tools like blogs, wikis, and podcasts; and

Whereas the National Day on Writing encourages all people of the United States to write, as well as to enjoy and learn from the writing of others: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2           (1) supports the designation of October 20,  
3       2011, as the “National Day on Writing”;

4           (2) strongly affirms the purposes of the Na-  
5       tional Day on Writing;

6           (3) encourages participation in the National  
7       Galley of Writing, which serves as an exemplary liv-  
8       ing archive of the centrality of writing in the lives  
9       of the people of the United States; and

10          (4) encourages educational institutions, busi-  
11       nesses, community and civic associations, and other  
12       organizations to promote awareness of the National  
13       Day on Writing and celebrate the writing of the  
14       members those organizations through individual sub-  
15       missions to the National Gallery of Writing.

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