

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Designating March 2, 2018, as “Read Across America Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. COLLINS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education
and professional success and 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 read-
ing assistance, including through the programs author-
ized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) and through annual ap-
propriations for library and literacy programs; and

Whereas more than 50 national organizations concerned
about reading and education have joined with the Na-

tional Education Association to designate March 2, the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel (commonly known as “Dr. Seuss”), as a day to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates March 2, 2018, as “Read Across
3 America Day”;

4 (2) honors—

5 (A) all authors for their success in encour-
6 aging children to discover the joy of reading;
7 and

8 (B) the 21st anniversary of Read Across
9 America Day; and

10 (3) encourages—

11 (A) parents, educators, and communities to
12 read with children for at least 30 minutes on
13 Read Across America Day and promote a love
14 of reading and opportunities for all children to
15 see themselves reflected in literature in honor of
16 the commitment of the Senate to building a
17 country of readers; and

18 (B) the people of the United States to ob-
19 serve Read Across America Day with appro-
20 priate ceremonies and activities.