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# S. RES. 181

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 1998

Mr. ROBB (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas reading is a basic skill for a quality education, a requirement for a successful life's work, and a source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas reading ability is essential to our Nation's ability to remain competitive in a global economy; and

Whereas the American Library Association, the National Family Literacy Council, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, Reading Is Fundamental, the International Reading Association, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and others have joined with the National Education Association to use March 2 as a national day to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2               (1) March 2, 1998, shall be known as “Read  
3       Across America Day” to focus on the basic compo-  
4       nent of learning;

5               (2) every child should be in the company of  
6       someone who will read to him or her on March 2,  
7       Dr. Seuss’ birthday;

8               (3) the success of Dr. Seuss and many others  
9       like him in encouraging children to discover the joy  
10      of books is applauded; and

11              (4) all parents are encouraged to read with  
12      their children for at least one half hour on March  
13      2, in honor of Dr. Seuss to help us realize the goal  
14      of having the best readers in the world.

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