

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 2, 2013, as "Read Across America Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth stand firmly
4 committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students'
5 future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of
6 the future and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

7 WHEREAS, Community involvement in public education and
8 reading activities is an important way to foster educational
9 growth among children; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Education Association's "Read Across
11 America Day" began in 1998 as the largest celebration of reading
12 ever held up to that point in our nation's history; and

13 WHEREAS, The National Education Association's "Read Across
14 America Day" continues to be the nation's largest reading event,
15 with millions of readers participating in a variety of reading
16 activities; and

17 WHEREAS, The works of Dr. Seuss, the pen name of Theodor

1 Seuss Geisel, continue to inspire many people of all ages to
2 love reading; and

3 WHEREAS, The National Education Association's "Read Across
4 America" program is held annually on Dr. Seuss' birthday to
5 promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our
6 children; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in support of
8 the National Education Association's "Read Across America"
9 program, designate March 2, 2013, as "Read Across America Day"
10 in Pennsylvania and call on the citizens of this Commonwealth to
11 make an extra effort to encourage reading among children in
12 celebration of reading and Dr. Seuss.