

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BRIGHTBILL, JUBELIRER, LOEPER, ROBBINS, EARLL,
GERLACH, WENGER, WAGNER, GREENLEAF, ULIANA, HELFRICK, MOWERY,
BELAN, KITCHEN, SALVATORE, COSTA, TOMLINSON, WHITE, FUMO,
AFFLERBACH, MADIGAN, CORMAN, SLOCUM, STOUT, O'PAKE, MUSTO,
ARMSTRONG, RHOADES AND SCHWARTZ, FEBRUARY 10, 1998

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating Saturday, February 14, 1998, as "Read to Your Child
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Reading is the most fundamental skill required to
4 participate in the economic and cultural life of America and
5 this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Reading scores on both the Scholastic Aptitude Tests
7 and elementary and high school proficiency tests have been
8 declining in recent years; and

9 WHEREAS, Nearly 15% of all college freshmen in America are
10 enrolled in remedial reading classes, being unable to read at
11 the level required to do their course work; and

12 WHEREAS, A variety of nonprofit organizations at the State,
13 county and local levels have programs aimed at helping
14 Pennsylvanians of all ages and backgrounds improve their reading
15 skills; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 98% of Pennsylvanians have access to

1 public libraries; and

2 WHEREAS, No amount of spending or instruction in schools can
3 substitute for parents who read, encourage their children to
4 read and take time to read to and with their children; therefore
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate Saturday, February 14,
7 1998, as "Read to Your Child Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage
8 all parents to take time to help their children become better
9 and more active readers.