
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 13, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 12, 2020, as "D.E.A.R. Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, D.E.A.R. stands for "Drop Everything and Read"; and

3 WHEREAS, "D.E.A.R. Day" encourages families to set aside at
4 least 30 minutes of their day to devote to reading; and

5 WHEREAS, "D.E.A.R. Day" is celebrated annually on April 12,
6 the birthday of author Beverly Cleary, but is also celebrated
7 throughout the entire month of April; and

8 WHEREAS, The concept of D.E.A.R. is referenced in Beverly
9 Cleary's famous novel, "Ramona Quimby, Age 8," a Newbery Medal
10 honoree; and

11 WHEREAS, "D.E.A.R. Day" allows families to celebrate and
12 enjoy the pleasures of reading together without any
13 distractions; and

14 WHEREAS, "D.E.A.R. Day" is promoted by various organizations,
15 including the National Education Association, the National
16 Parent Teacher Association and the Association for Library

1 Service to Children; and

2 WHEREAS, Schools, libraries and bookstores celebrate
3 "D.E.A.R. Day" every year by hosting fun events to promote
4 reading and creative writing; and

5 WHEREAS, The "D.E.A.R. Day" movement hopes to encourage
6 children and their families to immerse themselves in reading;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
9 12, 2020, as "D.E.A.R. Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives continue to
11 instill an appreciation for the love of books and reading in all
12 Pennsylvanians.