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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 13, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 2, 2020, as "International Children's Book
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "International Children's Book Day" (ICBD) was
4 created to celebrate and inspire the love of reading for
5 children all across the world; and

6 WHEREAS, ICBD was first established in 1967 by the
7 International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) and takes
8 place on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, 1 out of 70 countries is chosen to decide
10 upon a theme and invite a prominent children's book author and
11 illustrator from the host country; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States National Section of IBBY, located
13 in Illinois, last hosted ICBD in 2013 with the theme "Bookjoy
14 Around the World"; and

15 WHEREAS, This year, Slovenia was picked to sponsor ICBD 2020
16 and decided on the theme "Hunger for Words"; and

1 WHEREAS, Slovenia chose to showcase the work of children's
2 book author Peter Svetina and illustrator Damijan Stepančič; and

3 WHEREAS, Bookstores, libraries and schools everywhere
4 celebrate ICBD by hosting storytelling workshops and book-
5 reading events with famous children's book authors; and

6 WHEREAS, ICBD can also be celebrated by reading stories by
7 Hans Christian Andersen or exploring stories from other
8 cultures; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
10 2, 2020, as "International Children's Book Day" in Pennsylvania;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
13 power of reading and the role of books in the development and
14 education of children throughout the world and in our great
15 Commonwealth.