

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1056

Introduced by: Representatives Hawks, Bartling, Bolin, Campbell, Ecklund, Feinstein, Gibson, Haggart (Jenna), Hawley, Heinert, Hunhoff (Bernie), Johns, Kirschman, May, Parsley, Peterson, Ring, Schaefer, Schrempp, Sly, Soli, Tulson, Tyler, Wick, and Wismer and Senators Buhl, Bradford, Frerichs, Johnston, Jones, Lucas, Rampelberg, Soholt, Sutton, and Welke

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring those persons who encourage children to read and those children who participate in the Read Across America Program that builds awareness and supports reading programs in our homes and communities.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature stands firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the state's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, "Read Across America," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2, 2013, sponsored by the National Education Association and the South Dakota Education Association, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of all our children; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 South Dakota State Legislature thanks the citizens of this state who ensure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2013:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors, commends, and endorses the Read Across America Program sponsored by the National Education Association and the South Dakota Education Association and recommits our state to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

