

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1028

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging awareness and support for reading programs in our homes and communities.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature has provided significant leadership 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 and state celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 1st, sponsored by the National Education Association and the South Dakota Education Association, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our state's students; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of South Dakota stand 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:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the 2002 South Dakota Legislature calls on the citizens of South Dakota to ensure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 1, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body enthusiastically 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.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 21, 2002
February 22, 2002

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Speaker of the House

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