

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 10

By: Hobson

A Resolution designating March 2, 1999, as "Read Across America Day" in the State of Oklahoma; encouraging all Oklahomans to celebrate this event by reading with a child; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Theodor "Ted" Geisel was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, on March 2, 1904. After graduating from Dartmouth College he entered Oxford University to pursue a doctorate in literature. In 1954, a report on child illiteracy attributed children's inability to read as a result of exposure to boring books; and

WHEREAS, Ted Geisel used only 220 words to write a book for first graders. The name of the book was "The Cat in the Hat", which he wrote under his mother's maiden name, Seuss. Dr. Seuss won the Pulitzer Prize in 1984 and two academy awards. Dr. Seuss wrote three of the top ten best-selling hard cover children's books of all time: "The Cat in the Hat", "Green Eggs and Ham" and "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish". Dr. Seuss wrote and illustrated forty-eight books which sold more than 200 million copies before his death on September 24, 1991; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the life and work of Dr. Seuss, March 2, his birthday, is designated as "Read Across America Day", to be celebrated by reading with children; and

WHEREAS, this program is supported by a broad coalition of literacy, educational and business groups, including: Reading is Fundamental, the Oklahoma Education Association, the American Library Association, the National Parent Teachers Association (PTA), the Oklahoma State Firefighters Association, the Oklahoma State Fraternal Order of Police, and numerous other public and private organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby designates March 2, 1999, as "Read Across America Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages all Oklahomans to celebrate this event by assuring that every child in this state is in a safe place reading with a caring adult on March 2, 1999.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the national "Read Across America" program, the Oklahoma Education Association,

the Oklahoma State Firefighters Association, the Oklahoma State Fraternal Order of Police and the Dr. Seuss Foundation.

Adopted by the Senate the 2nd day of March, 1999.

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President of the Senate