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MARCH 3, 2003

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SUMMARY—Recognizes March 3, 2003, as “Read Across
America” Day in Nevada in commemoration of Dr.
Seuss’s birthday. (BDR R-1205)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing
March 3, 2003, as “Read Across America” Day in Nevada
in commemoration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday.

- 1 WHEREAS, Theodor Seuss Geisel was born on March 2, 1904, in
- 2 Springfield, Massachusetts; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Theodor Seuss Geisel graduated from Dartmouth
- 4 College in 1925 and began writing humorous articles and creating
- 5 cartoons for various magazines; and
- 6 WHEREAS, His first children’s book, *And to Think That I Saw It*
- 7 *on Mulberry Street*, was rejected by 43 publishers until, in 1937, a
- 8 friend published the book for him; and



1 WHEREAS, In May of 1954, *Life* magazine published a report
2 concerning illiteracy among school children, stating that, among
3 other things, children were having trouble learning to read because
4 the books were boring; and

5 WHEREAS, This comment inspired Theodor Seuss Geisel's
6 publisher, Bennett Cerf, to compile a list of 400 words that he felt
7 were important, asking Mr. Geisel to cut the list to 250 words, the
8 amount of words a first grader could absorb, and using only those
9 words to write a book that would excite children; and

10 WHEREAS, Nine months later, Mr. Geisel, using 220 of the
11 words given to him, published *The Cat in the Hat*, which became an
12 instant success; and

13 WHEREAS, Later in 1960, Bennett Cerf bet Mr. Geisel \$50 that
14 he couldn't write an entire book using only 50 words and from that
15 challenge came the famous children's book, *Green Eggs and Ham*,
16 which also became an instant success; and

17 WHEREAS, From that point on, Theodor Seuss Geisel became
18 known as "Dr. Seuss," and children became enthused about reading
19 every Dr. Seuss book available; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Seuss died on September 24, 1991, but his
21 legacy of children's books will live forever as an inspiration to
22 children everywhere to learn to read and to share in the laughter,
23 enjoyment and knowledge that a book can provide; and

24 WHEREAS, In honor of Dr. Seuss and the joy of reading, the
25 National Education Association has designated March 3, 2003, as
26 "Read Across America" day and has called upon every child to read
27 with a caring adult on this day 99 years after the birth of Theodor
28 Seuss Geisel; now, therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
30 SENATE CONCURRING, That March 3, 2003, is hereby recognized as
31 "Read Across America" Day in Nevada in commemoration of Dr.
32 Seuss's birthday; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That children and adults are encouraged to read a
34 favorite book together on this date to share the joy of reading; and
35 be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
37 transmit a copy of this resolution to Terry Hickman, President of the
38 Nevada State Education Association, and Kenneth Lange, Executive
39 Director of the Nevada State Education Association.

