

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—ASSEMBLYMEN
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AND WOODBURY

MARCH 2, 2009

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AND WOODHOUSE

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SUMMARY—Recognizes March 2, 2009, as “Read Across
America” Day in Nevada in commemoration of
Dr. Seuss’s birthday. (BDR R-980)

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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 2, 2009, 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



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1 WHEREAS, His first children's book, *And to Think That I Saw It*
2 *on Mulberry Street*, was rejected by 43 publishers until, in 1937, a
3 friend published the book for him; and

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, In 1960, Bennett Cerf bet Mr. Geisel \$50 that he
17 could not write an entire book using only 50 words, and from that
18 challenge came the famous children's book *Green Eggs and Ham*,
19 which was also an instant success; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, In honor of Dr. Seuss and the joy of reading, the
28 National Education Association has designated March 2, 2009, as a
29 special day in their program "Read Across America," the
30 nationwide initiative that promotes reading every day; now,
31 therefore, be it

32 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
33 SENATE CONCURRING, That March 2, 2009, is hereby recognized as
34 "Read Across America" Day in Nevada in commemoration of
35 Dr. Seuss's birthday; and be it further

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

39 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
40 transmit a copy of this resolution to Lynn Warne, President of the
41 Nevada State Education Association, and Terry Hickman, Executive
42 Director of the Nevada State Education Association.

