

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4634, by Representatives Talcott, Quall, Barlean, Stensen, Benson, Regala, K. Schmidt, McDonald, Radcliff, Carlson, Ruderman, Schindler, McMorris, O'Brien, Lambert, Alexander, Eickmeyer, Edmonds, Santos, Kagi, Schual-Berke, Linville, Lovick, Dunshee, Haigh, Mastin, Lisk, Wensman, Van Luven, Esser, Kenney, Fortunato, Thomas, Rockefeller, Lantz, Mielke, Pflug, Cairnes, Bush, Wolfe, Boldt, D. Schmidt, Pennington, Clements, Koster, Dunn, Delvin, B. Chandler, Campbell, Ballasiotes and Skinner

WHEREAS, Reading is the foundation upon which all other learning is built; and
WHEREAS, "Read Across America," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Seuss's love of children and learning has been an inspiration for millions of young readers; and

WHEREAS, Parents and grandparents can relive the thrill of learning to read while helping each child explore the world between a book's cover; and

WHEREAS, By reading, a child can visit foreign lands, meet historical figures, travel through time, and even learn to love green eggs and ham; and

WHEREAS, Reading is the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for the work force, and their ability to become involved citizens; and

WHEREAS, Washington has set high standards for reading in our public schools, and students and educators throughout the state are improving their practices to rise to the challenge; and

WHEREAS, All children should be so fortunate as to enjoy a good book and the company of an involved adult to read with on this day and every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State House of Representatives recognize March 2nd as Read Across America day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby urge each and every citizen of the State of Washington to take the time to read with a child to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4634 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 24, 1999.