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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4423

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By Representatives Johnson, Brumsickle, Radcliff, Cole, Quall, Talcott, McMahan, Hatfield, Thompson, Mulliken, Sheldon, Smith, Stevens, Clements, Hargrove, Sterk, Beeksma, H. Sommers, Wolfe, Kessler, Elliot, K. Schmidt, Lambert, Silver, Casada, Carrell, Chandler, Sherstad, B. Thomas, Crouse, Buck, Pelesky, Cooke, McMorris, D. Schmidt, Hymes, Mastin, Mitchell, Huff, Fuhrman, Goldsmith, Blanton, Delvin, Cairnes, Hankins, Sehlin, L. Thomas, Honeyford, Carlson, Backlund, Mason, Linville, Conway, D. Sommers, Scheuerman, Romero, Ogden, Brown, R. Fisher, Cody, Murray, Costa, Tokuda, Regala and Dickerson

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1 WHEREAS, Reading is a basic life skill and the foundation for all  
2 future learning, and students need to graduate from high school with  
3 adequate reading skills; and

4 WHEREAS, Teachers, parents, educators, librarians, state-wide  
5 education associations, literacy councils, local school districts,  
6 business, higher education, and educational service districts are  
7 interested in promoting ideas with regard to the effective teaching of  
8 reading; and

9 WHEREAS, The world is moving into a technological-information age  
10 in which full participation in education, science, business, industry,  
11 and other professions will require increasing levels of literacy; and

12 WHEREAS, Research clearly shows that children read better if they  
13 are read to at home, encouraged to read in their free time, and when  
14 their parents value education, and students need to be encouraged to  
15 spend considerably more time reading than watching television; and

16 WHEREAS, There is a documented connection between illiteracy and  
17 juvenile crime; and

18 WHEREAS, There are many state-wide education organizations that  
19 plan to focus their attention on the teaching and learning of reading;  
20 and

1       WHEREAS, A state-wide focus on literacy will result in improved  
2 instruction state-wide and create an atmosphere that fosters a love of  
3 reading;

4       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
5 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the House of  
6 Representatives and the Senate respectfully pray that the Governor of  
7 the state of Washington declare 1997 as the Year of the Reader; and

8       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be  
9 immediately transmitted to the Honorable Mike Lowry, Governor, and to  
10 the Honorable Judith Billings, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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