

1       A RESOLUTION recognizing March 2, 2026, as Read Across America Day.

2       WHEREAS, reading is the building block to learning and the foundation for future

3       success; and

4       WHEREAS, this distinguished body desires that all Kentucky students develop a

5       love of reading; and

6       WHEREAS, in 1998, the National Education Association introduced the Read

7       Across America campaign to encourage children to read every day and to raise awareness

8       about the importance of reading; and

9       WHEREAS, Read Across America is a national celebration of reading that

10      improves students' vocabularies, promotes critical thinking skills, and inspires students to

11      embrace the joy of reading, and will be celebrated on March 2, 2026, in honor of the

12      birthday of Dr. Seuss; and

13      WHEREAS, local schools, libraries, bookstores, businesses, and other community

14      organizations will commemorate Read Across America Day by hosting a variety of fun

15      and engaging events; and

16      WHEREAS, students, parents, teachers, sports figures, celebrities, and business and

17      community leaders are taking part in Read Across America events to celebrate the joy of

18      reading and to encourage students in their endeavor to learn strong reading skills;

19      NOW, THEREFORE,

20      *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*

21      *Kentucky:*

22      ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize March 2, 2026, as Read

23      Across America Day.

24      ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate enthusiastically endorse Read Across

25      America and encourage the citizens of the Commonwealth to engage in programs and

26      activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

27      ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

1 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon.