

Senate Resolution 781

By: Senators Marable of the 52nd, Dean of the 31st, Moore of the 18th, Walker of the 22nd and Starr of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Endorsing the Read Across America campaign; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Read Across America is an ongoing campaign sponsored by the Georgia
3 Association of Educators and the National Education Association to motivate children to
4 read; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Educators and the National Education Association
6 are calling for every child in every community to be in the company of a book on the evening
7 of March 1, 2002, in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia Senate know that when children read outside of
9 school they do better in school; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia Senate know that one of the most important things
11 parents can do is read to their children; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia Senate stand firmly committed to promoting
13 reading as the catalyst for our children's future academic success, their preparation for
14 Georgia's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia Senate believe in the importance of community
16 involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational
17 investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 call on the citizens of Georgia to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together
20 with a caring adult on the evening of March 1, 2002.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body enthusiastically endorse Read
2 Across America, sponsored by the Georgia Association of Educators and the National
3 Education Association, and urge our communities to engage in programs and activities to
4 make Georgia's children the best readers in the world.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Association of Educators.