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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 173

Offered February 29, 2016

Commending the National Education Association Read Across America program.

Patron—Mason

WHEREAS, for 19 years, the National Education Association Read Across America program has helped to make the United States a nation of readers by inspiring and supporting youth throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the members of the National Education Association and the Virginia Education Association are committed to promoting reading as a catalyst for students' future academic achievement, success in careers, and ability to engage with communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the National Education Association offers resources to help schools and organizations plan Read Across America programs and events, and the association will host a six-city reading tour; and

WHEREAS, as part of the National Education Association Read Across America program, the organization will commemorate the 112th birthday of Dr. Seuss through National Read Across America Day on March 2, 2016; the event promotes adult involvement in reading education and is supported by the Virginia Education Association, as well as other associations nationwide; and

WHEREAS, an essential element of the Read Across America program is to ensure that all children have a safe place to read and learn with a caring adult on National Read Across America Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the National Education Association Read Across America program hereby be commended for its efforts to motivate children and teens to read; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the National Education Association as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's work to make children and teens in the Commonwealth and the United States the best readers in the world.

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