

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 268

Designating May 20, 2002, as a day for Americans to recognize the importance of teaching children about current events in an accessible way to their development as both students and citizens.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14 (legislative day, MAY 9), 2002

Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 16 (legislative day, MAY 9), 2002

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, without amendment

MAY 17, 2002

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating May 20, 2002, as a day for Americans to recognize the importance of teaching children about current events in an accessible way to their development as both students and citizens.

Whereas, since its founding in 1902, the Weekly Reader has reported current events in a manner that is accessible to children, thereby helping millions of children learn to read, which is an indispensable foundation for success in school and in life;

Whereas the Weekly Reader's accessible style has helped children understand many of the important events that have

shaped the world during the past 100 years, including World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the Civil Rights movement, Vietnam, the first Moon landing, the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the tragic events of September 11, 2001;

Whereas a citizenry well informed about national and international current events is critical to a strong democracy;

Whereas the Weekly Reader is read by nearly 11,000,000 children each week in every State, and in more than 90 percent of the school districts in the United States; and

Whereas on May 20, 2002, children around the country will join the Weekly Reader in celebrating its 100th birthday:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates May 20, 2002, as a day for
3 Americans to recognize the importance of teaching
4 children about current events in an accessible way to
5 their development as both students and citizens; and

6 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
7 mation calling upon the people of the United States
8 to observe that day with appropriate activities.

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