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S. RES. 290

Supporting the designation of October 6, 2011, as “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6, 2011

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of October 6, 2011, as
“Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”.

Whereas Jumpstart, a national early education organization, is working to ensure that all children in the United States enter school prepared to succeed;

Whereas, year-round, Jumpstart recruits and trains college students and community members to serve preschool children in low-income neighborhoods, helping them to develop the key language and literacy skills necessary to succeed in school and in life;

Whereas, since 1993, Jumpstart has engaged more than 20,000 adults in service to more than 90,000 young children in communities across the United States;

Whereas Jumpstart’s Read for the Record, presented in partnership with the Pearson Foundation, is a national campaign that mobilizes adults and children in an effort to close the early education achievement gap in the United States by setting a reading world record;

Whereas the goals of the campaign are to raise awareness in the United States of the importance of early education, provide books to children in low-income households through donations and sponsorship, and celebrate the commencement of Jumpstart’s program year;

Whereas October 6, 2011, would be an appropriate date to designate as “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day” because it is the date Jumpstart aims to set the world record for the largest shared reading experience; and

Whereas Jumpstart hopes to engage more than 2,100,000 children in reading Anna Dewdney’s “Llama Llama Red Pajama” during this record-breaking celebration of reading, service, and fun, all in support of preschool children in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of October 6,
3 2011, as “Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Day”;

4 (2) commends Jumpstart’s Read for the Record
5 in its sixth year;

6 (3) encourages adults, including grandparents,
7 parents, teachers, and college students—

8 (A) to join children in creating the world’s
9 largest shared reading experience; and

1 (B) to show their support for early literacy
2 and Jumpstart's early education programming
3 for young children in low-income communities;
4 and

5 (4) respectfully requests the Secretary of the
6 Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to
7 Jumpstart, one of the leading nonprofit organiza-
8 tions in the United States in the field of early edu-
9 cation.

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