**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO AFFIRM WIDE AND FREQUENT READING AS A KEYSTONE OF SUCCESS FOR OUR STUDENTS, TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENGAGE IN REGULAR READING, AND TO DECLARE MARCH 28, 2014, AS “A WORLD OF LITERACY DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives firmly believes that reading is the catalyst for our students’ academic success, preparation for the job market of the future, and ability to compete in a global economy; and

Whereas, A World of Literacy Day, a celebration of literacy to be held on March 28, 2014, promotes reading and adult partnership in the education of our students by providing opportunities for community involvement, all grounded in the principle that educational investment is critical to the community’s present well‑being, as well as to its long‑term quality of life; and

Whereas, inaugurated by Columbia’s Carolina School for Inquiry, A World of Literacy Day is worthy of imitation by all the schools and homes of the Palmetto State. Activities engaged in by Carolina School for Inquiry in promotion of reading include having students dress as their favorite storybook characters and hosting parents, community leaders, and other educational stakeholders on monthly visits for the purpose of having them read aloud to the entire student body; and

Whereas, as part of the celebration of A World of Literacy Day, South Carolina’s adult citizens are asked to help assure that on March 28, 2014, every child in this great State has an opportunity to read and write with a caring adult mentor. Further, adults are asked to strive toward making the opportunity a regular year‑round activity. In working to this end, adults, as a bonus, will notice an enhancement of their own reading skills and enjoyment; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to salute Carolina School for Inquiry for initiating this laudable endeavor, and the members encourage all South Carolinians to take part in A World of Literacy Day on March 28, 2014. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, affirm wide and frequent reading as a keystone of success for our students, encourage all citizens of South Carolina to engage in regular reading, and declare March 28, 2014, as “A World of Literacy Day” in South Carolina.

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