

Reps. Palmer, Sak, Vagnozzi, Hoogendyk, Kooiman, Koetje, Steil, Dennis, O'Neil, Byrum, Plakas, Farrah, Voorhees, Emmons, Farhat, Gleason, Vander Veen, Richardville, Accavitti, Acciavatti, Adamini, Anderson, Bieda, Bradstreet, Brandenburg, Casperson, Caswell, Caul, DeRossett, Ehardt, Elkins, Gillard, Hopgood, Howell, Huizenga, Hummel, Hune, Jamnick, Ruth Johnson, LaJoy, LaSata, Law, Lipsey, Meyer, Middaugh, Minore, Murphy, Newell, Nitz, Nofs, Palsrok, Pappageorge, Pastor, Phillips, Pumford, Robertson, Shackleton, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Shulman, Spade, Stahl, Stakoe, Stallworth, Stewart, Tabor, Taub, Tobocman, Wojno, Woodward, Zelenko, Clack, Gielegem, Kolb, Rivet, Hardman and Rocca offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 207.**

A resolution recognizing March 2004, as Reading Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan House of Representatives are dedicated to providing a quality education to all the children in Michigan; and

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan recognize reading as fundamental to children's education; and

Whereas, Research shows that children who read regularly, especially with adults, have greater success in schools; and

Whereas, Reading is essential to everyday life, both inside and outside of the classroom. Also, reading can open doors and allow children to explore the entire world and beyond. Reading is also a cornerstone to building productive, contributing citizens; and

Whereas, Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, is a beloved children's author who has written 137 children's books and whose use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful readers; and

Whereas, "Read Across America" a national celebration of Dr. Seuss 100th birthday on March 2nd, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our children; and

Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives recognizes and promotes the importance of community and parental involvement in every child's success in school; and

Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives is committed to making Michigan's children, and America's children, the best readers in the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize March 2004, as Reading Month in the state of Michigan.