

By Senator Silver

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____
2 A resolution recognizing April 7, 1999, as
3 "Just Read Day."
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5 WHEREAS, no skill is more vital to success in school
6 and in life than the ability to read, and
7 WHEREAS, reading ability opens a wide range of career
8 opportunities and is ultimately the cornerstone to lifelong
9 learning, and
10 WHEREAS, reading books, music, computer screens, and
11 other languages helps build a geographical, international
12 bridge among people, and
13 WHEREAS, reading is so crucial to education that school
14 boards throughout the State of Florida must implement
15 comprehensive reading programs with "benchmarks" for student
16 performance at each grade level which reflect Sunshine State
17 Standards for Reading and Literature, and
18 WHEREAS, achieving these goals and benchmarks will help
19 ensure that every child reads at or above grade level, and
20 WHEREAS, we have passed the point in American education
21 where one institution can shoulder the entire task of
22 educating youth without parent and community involvement, and
23 WHEREAS, there is no greater task than providing
24 students with the necessary skills to read sufficiently and
25 proficiently for success, for recreation, and for lifelong
26 learning, and
27 WHEREAS, for these very important reasons every school
28 district in the State of Florida is called upon to actively
29 seek student, parent, and community involvement in the effort
30 to assure a child's ability to read, NOW, THEREFORE,
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1 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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3 That the Florida Senate recognizes April 7, 1999, as
4 "Just Read Day."

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Florida Senate urges
6 the support and participation of all persons in making a
7 conscious effort to assure a child's ability to read.

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