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ALLARD SUPPORTS FOURTH ANNUAL READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

ENCOURAGES COLORADO SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE ON MARCH 2ND

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) announced his support for the fourth annual Read Across America Day celebration on Friday, March 2. The National Education Association (NEA) program asks children across the country to read with a caring adult on March 2, 2001.

“I strongly support Read Across America Day,” Allard said. “This is a great way for schools and families across Colorado and the nation to focus on the benefits of reading to children.”

“Emphasizing the importance of literacy is critical, as almost 70 percent of low income American fourth graders do not read at a basic level,” Allard added. “I am pleased that President Bush has made improving education a top priority and with the combined effort of parents, teachers and elected officials working together we will ensure that no child is left behind.”

Congress is currently working to develop legislation that will encompass the President’s education priorities, including the advancement of reading in America’s schools.

“I commend the parents and teachers throughout Colorado who have pledged to participate in this exciting event,” Allard said. “My wife Joan and I plan on reading to our four grandsons on March 2nd and we hope others will use this day to expose America’s children to the benefits of reading.”

Read Across America Day is celebrated annually on the birthday of the late children’s author Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss.

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