

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2009, as the National Day on Writing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CASEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2009, as the National Day on Writing.

Whereas people in the 21st century are writing more than ever before for personal, professional, and civic purposes;

Whereas the social nature of writing invites people of every age, profession, and walk of life to create meaning through composing;

Whereas more and more people in every occupation deem writing as essential and influential in their work;

Whereas writers continue to learn how to write for different purposes, audiences, and occasions throughout their lifetimes;

Whereas developing digital technologies expand the possibilities for composing in multiple media at a faster pace than ever before;

Whereas young people are leading the way in developing new forms of composing by using different forms of digital media;

Whereas effective communication contributes to building a global economy and a global community;

Whereas the National Council of Teachers of English, in conjunction with its many national and local partners, honors and celebrates the importance of writing through the National Day on Writing;

Whereas the National Day on Writing celebrates the foundational place of writing in the personal, professional, and civic lives of Americans;

Whereas the National Day on Writing provides an opportunity for individuals across the United States to share and exhibit their written works through the National Gallery of Writing;

Whereas the National Day on Writing highlights the importance of writing instruction and practice at every educational level and in every subject area;

Whereas the National Day on Writing emphasizes the lifelong process of learning to write and compose for different audiences, purposes, and occasions;

Whereas the National Day on Writing honors the use of the full range of media for composing, from traditional tools like print, audio, and video, to Web 2.0 tools like blogs, wikis, and podcasts; and

Whereas the National Day on Writing encourages all Americans to write, as well as to enjoy and learn from the writing of others: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of October 20,
3 2009, as the National Day on Writing;

4 (2) strongly affirms the purposes of the Na-
5 tional Day on Writing and encourages participation
6 in the National Galley of Writing, which serves as
7 an exemplary living archive of the centrality of writ-
8 ing in the lives of Americans; and

9 (3) encourages educational institutions, busi-
10 nesses, community and civic associations, and other
11 organizations to promote awareness of the National
12 Day on Writing and celebrate the writing of their
13 members through individual submissions to the Na-
14 tional Gallery of Writing.