## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4655, by Representatives Sump and McMorris

WHEREAS, There are First Book Local Advisory Boards with student advisory board members in many communities in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, First Book-Pend Oreille County and other chapters raise funds at the local level to provide thousands of free books for low-income children in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, First Book-Pend Oreille County and other chapters read to children at local schools throughout Washington State; and

WHEREAS, First Book-Pend Oreille County and other chapters have the goal of raising literacy rates by improving the reading skills of children; and

WHEREAS, During "Read Across America Week" in March many schools are involved in exciting reading events; and

WHEREAS, The national First Book office in Washington, D.C. provides donations to Local Advisory Boards to be used for books for children in counties throughout the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, First Book-Pend Oreille County and other chapters benefit not only children in local communities, but kids throughout the entire state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives express its appreciation for all the hard work represented by dedicated First Book volunteers as well as First Book Local Advisory Board members to provide thousands of free books for low-income children in Washington State and to raise literacy rates by improving the reading skills of children.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4655 adopted by the House of Representatives April 11, 2003

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk