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## *House of Representatives*

# ONE MORE CHEER FOR THE CAT IN THE HAT

**HON. BOB FILNER**  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**MR. FILNER:** Mr. Speaker:

I rise today as many have before,  
To honor Theodor Seuss Guisel for  
his contributions galore!

The literary world will never be the  
same,  
After being introduced to Dr. Seuss'  
name

We remember the dreamer, the artist,  
the man,  
Who taught us about life, green eggs  
and ham

For 60 years he captivated us with  
stories for all to know,  
And left a legacy of cherished books  
about the places we'd go

He may not have been a real doctor--  
but boredom he cured,  
With rhythm and rhyme and colorful  
words,

When our troops needed morale  
during World War II,  
He was too old to serve but did what  
he could do,

With satire and imagery he inspired  
platoons  
With silly and potent political  
cartoons!

We celebrate today, a man who  
dreamed,  
And created for all an unending  
stream

(over)

Of insights and poems, books and  
tales,  
Of red fish, blue fish and others with  
scales

He gave us the Lorax to speak for the  
trees,  
A little creature to save saplings from  
corporate greed

And we cannot forget the Grinch with  
a heart so cold,  
Or the innocence of a child, "Who,"  
touched his soul

His 46 books weren't meant to be  
silly,

Barbaloots were for grown-ups and  
leaders of cities,

Ahhh--So many stories, yet so little  
time,  
To commend this man for his gift of  
rhyme

So when the sun does not shine,  
When it is too wet to play,  
When you are sitting in your house,  
On a cold, cold, wet day

Always remember in December or  
September,

The spell of wonder,  
Dr. Seuss put us under.