

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94-4718, by Representatives Chappell, L. Johnson, Veloria, Wood, Dellwo, Long, Dunshee, Kremen, G. Cole, Scott, Caver, Quall, Hansen, Grant, Carlson, Lemmon, Cothorn, Campbell, Sheldon, Van Luven, Leonard, Eide, Thibaudeau, Valle, Wolfe, Holm, J. Kohl, Zellinsky, Sehlin, Jacobsen, Foreman, Ogden, Silver, Anderson, Finkbeiner, Brown, Rayburn, Brumsickle, Kessler, Springer, Romero, Karahalios, Moak, Forner, Bray, Chandler, Pruitt, Basich, R. Fisher, L. Thomas, Cooke, Ballasiotes, Schmidt, Patterson, Shin, Brough, G. Fisher, Peery, Heavey, Mastin, Dorn, Jones, Casada and Dyer

WHEREAS, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) is a neurobiological disorder that inhibits a person's ability to maintain voluntarily focused attention; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms of ADD -- inattention, impulsivity, and at times, hyperactivity -- are demonstrated before the age of seven and for a duration of greater than six months; and

WHEREAS, Statistics indicate that Attention Deficit Disorder affects between three and five percent of school-age children; and

WHEREAS, The effects of this disorder can create serious financial and emotional strains on the family and ultimately may be linked to many of the problems facing our education and juvenile justice systems; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education has recognized that Attention Deficit Disorder can cause children significant problems at school and limit student social, emotional, and academic development; and

WHEREAS, We must continue to pursue effective treatment procedures for Attention Deficit Disorder, and promote identification and intervention as means to minimize ADD-related problems; and

WHEREAS, The disorder is often misunderstood and there continues to be a need for more information and awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington recognize the scope and importance of understanding Attention Deficit Disorder and treating those afflicted children and adults and encourage all citizens to learn more about ADD and the impact it has on so many valuable people.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4718 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 10, 1994.

Marilyn Showalter, Chief Clerk