

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4657, by Representative Kilduff

1 WHEREAS, National protections were written into law thirty years
2 ago, while the origin of advocacy for persons with disabilities began
3 as early as 1936 when a grass roots organization of parents from all
4 over Washington state formed; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearly a quarter of Washingtonians live with some type
6 of disability and rely on such protections every day; and

7 WHEREAS, Advocates with disabilities and families taught the
8 nation that disability is a part of human existence and developed the
9 rallying cry "nothing about us without us"; and

10 WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was the first
11 monumental piece of civil rights legislation for persons with
12 disabilities; and

13 WHEREAS, The ADA was the accomplishment of disabled advocates,
14 families, and allies of all races, ethnicities, creeds, genders,
15 abilities, and sexual orientations; and

16 WHEREAS, The ADA provided an encompassing definition of
17 disability that contends disability is not a barrier to an
18 individual's participation in society; and

19 WHEREAS, Washington state is still working to ensure that all
20 persons with disabilities have equal opportunities and access to
21 participate fully in our society; and

22 WHEREAS, The ADA has been an instrumental tool for advocates with
23 disabilities and families to address such barriers; and

1 WHEREAS, We remain committed to working alongside self-advocates
2 and their families to address the barriers to equal opportunity and
3 participation in society;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
5 commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the Americans with
6 Disabilities Act, which was the result of persistent efforts of self-
7 advocates, their families, and allies from the disability community.

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