<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4657</u>, by Representatives Kilduff, Chambers, Thai, Orwall, and Shea

- WHEREAS, National protections were written into law thirty years ago, while the origin of advocacy for persons with disabilities began as early as 1936 when a grass roots organization of parents from all over Washington state formed; and
- WHEREAS, Nearly a quarter of Washingtonians live with some type of disability and rely on such protections every day; and
- WHEREAS, Advocates with disabilities and families taught the nation that disability is a part of human existence and developed the 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
- WHEREAS, The ADA has been an instrumental tool for advocates with disabilities and families to address such barriers; and

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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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9	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
10	Resolution 4657 adopted by the House of Representatives
11	February 21, 2020
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17	Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk

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