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**Senators Obhof, Yuko**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Americans  
with Disabilities Act.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to acknowledge the progress made by 2  
the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and 3

WHEREAS, In 1986, the National Council on Disability 4  
recommended a proposal to protect people with disabilities from 5  
discrimination and recognize that disability is a normal part of 6  
our human experience; and 7

WHEREAS, Landmark legislation titled the Americans with 8  
Disabilities Act (ADA) was introduced in the U.S. House and Senate 9  
with bipartisan support from the Administration and Congress; and 10

WHEREAS, The ADA was a result of a decades long fight for 11  
civil rights by advocates with disabilities, their families, and 12  
allies and proceeded through a rigorous legislative process with 13  
input and advocacy from Ohioans and many citizens, including 14  
people with disabilities from across the nation; and 15

WHEREAS, The ADA was signed into law by President George H. 16  
W. Bush on July 26, 1990, and was amended with the support of 17  
President George W. Bush in 2008, and the United States has 18  
benefited from the equal opportunities created for persons with 19  
disabilities since the ADA's inception thirty years ago; and 20

WHEREAS, Indeed, our country's success has been strengthened 21  
by the great contributions its individual states have made in 22  
addressing such issues as those that comprise the Americans with 23  
Disabilities Act of 1990. Ohio has long recognized the importance 24  
of equal access to education, employment, independence and other 25

vital services to people with disabilities, including 26  
developmental disabilities, through the establishment of county 27  
Boards of Developmental Disabilities, Opportunities for Ohioans 28  
with Disabilities, the Ohio Department of Developmental 29  
Disabilities, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction 30  
Services, and many other fine efforts which have transformed our 31  
society; and 32

WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 has 33  
extended the promise of civil rights and inclusion to millions of 34  
people, and it stands as a testament to achieving a shared vision 35  
of potential and progress. On its milestone Thirtieth Anniversary, 36  
we reflect on the ADA's outstanding principles and celebrate the 37  
scope of its benefits to Ohioans, while we acknowledge the work 38  
still left to do to ensure that all persons with disabilities have 39  
equal opportunities and access to participate fully in our 40  
society; therefore be it 41

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 42  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, honor the 43  
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 on its Thirtieth 44  
Anniversary and remain committed to working alongside all people 45  
with disabilities, their families, and advocates to address 46  
barriers to equal opportunity and participation in every part of 47  
society; and be it further 48

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 49  
authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 50