

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 321

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate March 11, 2023, as Disability Advocacy Day in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.6 million Tennesseans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a disability can present unique challenges in the day-to-day life of the person experiencing it; and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities experience barriers to accessing the same education, housing, transportation, and health care as their peers; and

WHEREAS, individual advocacy can be a powerful tool for Tennesseans with disabilities to break down barriers to equity; and

WHEREAS, collective advocacy can bring about great social and political change, such as the passage of the civil rights legislation the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Tennessee Disability Act; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor the role of advocacy in improving the lives of Tennesseans with disabilities and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commemorate March 11, 2023, as Disability Advocacy Day in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.