

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

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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