

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4635, by Representatives McCabe, Ryu, Macri, Reeves, Klippert, Gregerson, Irwin, Barkis, J. Walsh, Johnson, Kilduff, Kraft, Lovick, MacEwen, McCaslin, Sells, Appleton, Chapman, Dye, Graves, Stonier, and Pettigrew

1 WHEREAS, Autism is a developmental disability that typically
2 appears during the first two years of life and continues throughout
3 an individual's lifespan; and

4 WHEREAS, Autism is America's fastest growing developmental
5 disability and affects over 2 million Americans; presently, 1 in 68
6 babies born are autistic; and

7 WHEREAS, Currently, 1 in 42 boys are affected with autism, as
8 opposed to 1 in 189 girls; and

9 WHEREAS, There are many different characteristics in individuals
10 with autism: Delayed or deficient communication, decreased or
11 unresponsive social interaction, unusual reaction to normal stimuli,
12 a lack of spontaneous or imaginative play, and behavioral challenges;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Despite being born with autism, many children are not
15 diagnosed until after they are 4 years old due to a lack of
16 recognition of autism's characteristics by general practitioners; and

17 WHEREAS, Autism has no known cause and no known cure; however,
18 with aggressive and continuous therapy, some individuals can learn to
19 acclimate to their environment and mask the symptoms of their
20 disability; and

21 WHEREAS, Applied behavior analysis has become widely accepted
22 among health care professionals and is used in many schools and
23 treatment clinics; and

1 WHEREAS, In order to improve a variety of skills, applied
2 behavior analysis encourages positive behaviors, discourages negative
3 behaviors, and tracks and measures a child's progress in those areas;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Autism can create significant stress on the families of
6 those affected by autism; and

7 WHEREAS, All individuals with autism should be included and
8 regarded as valuable members of our community; and

9 WHEREAS, Families; caregivers; advocates; and organizations, such
10 as the Autism Society of Washington, Northwest Autism Center,
11 Families for Effective Autism Treatment, and the Arc of Washington
12 State, are striving to bring about positive changes for children and
13 adults with autism; and

14 WHEREAS, Through research, training, public services, support
15 groups, advocacy, and increased awareness we will be more
16 understanding, inclusive, and better equipped to support the growing
17 number of individuals with autism and their families;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
19 honor and support individuals with autism, and acknowledge the
20 tremendous courage that they and their families put forth every day.
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22 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
23 Resolution 4635 adopted by the House of Representatives
24 April 4, 2017
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk