

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

Senators McCann, Wojno, Klinefelt, Chang, Cavanagh and
McMorrow offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the
2 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

3 Whereas, On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed
4 into law the Americans with Disabilities Act, a civil rights law
5 which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities;
6 and

7 Whereas, This year marks the 35th anniversary of the ADA, a
8 landmark federal law that protects the rights of people with
9 disabilities by eliminating barriers to their participation in many
10 aspects of living and working in our country and our state; and

11 Whereas, It is estimated by the United States Census Bureau
12 that nearly one in four, or 70 million, adults live with a
13 disability in America; and

1 Whereas, The ADA helped to break down barriers that prevented
2 opportunities for people with disabilities to live and work in
3 their communities and participate fully in our economy and
4 democracy; and

5 Whereas, The ADA ensures fairness for all in many areas of
6 public life including jobs, schools, and transportation; and

7 Whereas, Every individual deserves respect, access, and equal
8 opportunity; and

9 Whereas, America and the state of Michigan are strong because
10 of the contributions of all of our citizens; and

11 Whereas, We recognize that our work to uphold the spirit and
12 the letter of the ADA is not yet finished; and

13 Whereas, We must continue to work together to build a society
14 in which differences are embraced, opportunities are made equally
15 available, and one that will leave no person behind; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
18 body commemorate the 35th anniversary of the signing of the
19 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and be it further

20 Resolved, That we hold the highest regard for everyone who
21 contributed to the enactment of the ADA and those who continue to
22 uphold its principles. We urge all Michigan residents to
23 acknowledge and celebrate this occasion.