

House Concurrent Resolution No. 104

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BAILEY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, the Celebrate #extrAAAordinary Initiative is about promoting
3 awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals
4 living with special needs; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, our state and communities are stronger because of our diversity and our
7 differences; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),
10 over fifty-five million people, or approximately nineteen percent of Americans, have a
11 disability or special need; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them
14 unique can also keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand
15 their differences or uniqueness; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, it is important to promote and provide guidance to those with special
18 needs on how to access publicly supported services available to them in their communities;
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21 **WHEREAS**, it is important to encourage and educate communities and businesses on
22 making facilities and services more accessible and training staff to welcome and support
23 special needs customers and coworkers; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the goal of this initiative is to provide a supportive and inclusive
26 environment for individuals of all abilities by supporting community events that expand
27 family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, adopting the Celebrate #extrAAAordinary Initiative is an important
30 statement that our state officials, community and civic organizations, business owners, and
31 residents can make to show their support for differently-abled children and adults with
32 special needs and their families:

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34 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
35 Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
36 Senate concurring therein, hereby urge residents and business owners in the state to adopt the
37 Celebrate #extrAAAordinary" Initiative so that all residents of the state are better prepared to
38 communicate with, provide for, and support those living with special needs; and

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
41 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Chris
42 Homyk, Founder and President of All Abilities Athletics.

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