

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 352

Whereas, April is National Autism Acceptance Month, a time to recognize and support children and families affected by autism and other learning differences; and

Whereas, thousands of Missouri students are on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), including many with autism, and they bring unique strengths and challenges into our classrooms; and

Whereas, these students are often required to take standardized tests such as the Missouri Assessment Program assessments, even when those tests may not reflect their true learning or progress; and

Whereas, Missouri's public schools continue to open their doors to every child, regardless of ability, when no one else will, providing care, support, and education with compassion and commitment; and

Whereas, teachers, aides, therapists, and school staff work tirelessly to help students with IEPs succeed, often going above and beyond to meet individual needs:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred and Third General Assembly, First Regular Session, hereby celebrate the month of April as Autism Acceptance Month, honor the students who face learning challenges with courage, and give special thanks to our public education system for embracing and supporting these children every day.