

Senate Resolution 576

By: Senator Miller of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Americans with Disabilities Act Atlanta Symposium and the Society for
2 Disability Studies Atlanta Conference; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) National Network's 2015 ADA
4 Symposium will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the National Center for Civil and Human
5 Rights from May 10-13, 2015, bringing together the many different groups that are affected
6 by the ADA in their work and daily lives to network, problem solve, and share solutions; and

7 WHEREAS, the symposium, which is hosted by the Great Plains and Southeast ADA
8 Centers, is the premier ADA conference in the United States, and 95 percent of past
9 attendees surveyed reported learning information and skills that they will use on the job and
10 in their communities; and

11 WHEREAS, the conference is designed for ADA coordinators, advocates, architects, the
12 business community, code officials, educators, government officials, human resource
13 specialists, individuals with disabilities, family members, and service providers, and the
14 event schedule includes topics such as returning to the workplace with a disability, disability
15 emergency preparedness, and disability and the healthcare system; and

16 WHEREAS, the Society for Disability Studies (SDS) is a lively scholarly association of more
17 than 400 artists, scholars, and activists who promote disability studies and recognize
18 disability as a complex and valuable aspect of human experience; and

19 WHEREAS, SDS is a nonprofit organization that promotes the study of disability in social,
20 cultural, and political contexts and seeks to augment understanding of disability in all
21 cultures and historical periods through research, artistic production, teaching, and activism;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, SDS publishes an academic journal, *Disabilities Studies Quarterly*, to provide
24 scholars, artists with disabilities, and others with the opportunity to consider the experience
25 of disability in written form, to promote greater awareness of the experiences of disabled
26 people, and to advocate for social change; and

27 WHEREAS, some recent works in disability studies include *A History of Disability in the*
28 *United States*, *Disability Studies in Spanish Culture*, and *Disability Studies and the Inclusive*
29 *Classroom*; and

30 WHEREAS, the SDS annual meeting, which will be held June 10-13, 2015, in Atlanta,
31 Georgia, is the premier academic conference in disability studies in the world; and

32 WHEREAS, SDS believes that disability is a civil, human, social, economic, educational,
33 medical, sexual, employment, voting, and representational right, and this organization strives
34 to achieve these rights on the local, national, and transnational levels.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend the Americans with Disabilities Act Atlanta Symposium and the Society for
37 Disability Studies Atlanta Conference.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Southeast ADA
40 Center and the Society for Disability Studies.