

House Resolution 1578

By: Representatives Mayo of the 84th, Mitchell of the 88th, Stephens of the 165th, and Gordon of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending The Asperger Spirit, Inc.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders are the fastest growing developmental disorders
3 in the world today; and
- 4 WHEREAS, between 2002 and 2014, the prevalence of Autism skyrocketed from 1 in 150
5 to 3.3 in 150, and it is estimated that only one-third of this noted increase is due to better
6 diagnosis and reporting while less than 20 percent can be attributed to genetic factors; and
- 7 WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, a child is diagnosed every 11
8 minutes, and signs of ASD begin during early childhood and typically last throughout an
9 individual's life; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the number of adults with Asperger's Disorder or High Functioning Autism, a
11 part of the Autism Spectrum, is unknown because many go undetected until late adolescence,
12 young adulthood, or even middle age; and
- 13 WHEREAS, experts are beginning to uncover the special differences in subtypes of Autism
14 and recommending diagnostic tests and treatments based on their findings; and
- 15 WHEREAS, people with Asperger's have many talents and abilities that our world needs, but
16 most have no access to valuable services due to prohibitive costs, and at the age of 18, the
17 majority of individuals are no longer eligible for needed services; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a complicated disorder, it has been discovered that functional medicine
19 approaches have been successful in remediating the disorder, and some of the problems
20 discovered have been impairments in gut bacteria, problems with digestion, heavy toxic
21 loads, and poor metabolism, which are all speciality areas of functional medicine; and

22 WHEREAS, the mission of The Asperger Spirit, Inc., a nonprofit organization, is to assist
23 adults with Asperger's Disorder and High Functioning Autism in reaching their God-given
24 potential by enabling them to obtain comprehensive diagnostic tests, innovative treatments,
25 individualized services, and specialized support; and

26 WHEREAS, The Asperger Spirit, Inc., composed of all volunteer board members and staff,
27 provides funding directly to service providers on behalf of individuals with Asperger's
28 Disorder or High Functioning Autism for traditional and nontraditional services that are
29 evidence-based and have a proven record of success; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the exemplary accomplishments of this
31 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize and commend The Asperger Spirit, Inc., for its
34 outstanding work in creating public awareness about the benefits of obtaining clinical,
35 evidence-based services that are known to improve the emotional, social, relational, and/or
36 functional abilities of individuals with Asperger's Disorder and High Functioning Autism.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to The
39 Asperger Spirit, Inc.