

Senate Resolution 381

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 2021 as Dwarfism Acceptance Month and October 25, 2021, as
2 Dwarfism Acceptance Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are an estimated 65,000 people in the United States and 1.5 million people
4 worldwide with some form of dwarfism, which occurs in nearly one out of every 5,000
5 births; and

6 WHEREAS, Little People of America (LPA) defines dwarfism as a medical or genetic
7 condition that usually results in an adult height of four foot ten inches or shorter among both
8 men and women; and

9 WHEREAS, LPA consists of 8,000 members who serve across 70 chapters and throughout
10 all 50 states with the mission of encouraging public acceptance and support of the dwarfism
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, the organization hosts an annual national conference each July that draws
13 together 2,500 attendees for a week of activities, including educational and medical
14 workshops, sports, and social networking events; and

15 WHEREAS, 23 states have already passed resolutions in support of the declaration of
16 October as Dwarfism Acceptance Month, including Arizona, California, Connecticut,
17 Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota,
18 Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio,
19 Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Puerto Rico.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize October 2021 as Dwarfism Acceptance Month and that October 25, 2021, is
22 recognized as Dwarfism Acceptance Day in order to raise acceptance and support of the
23 dwarfism community.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
26 press.