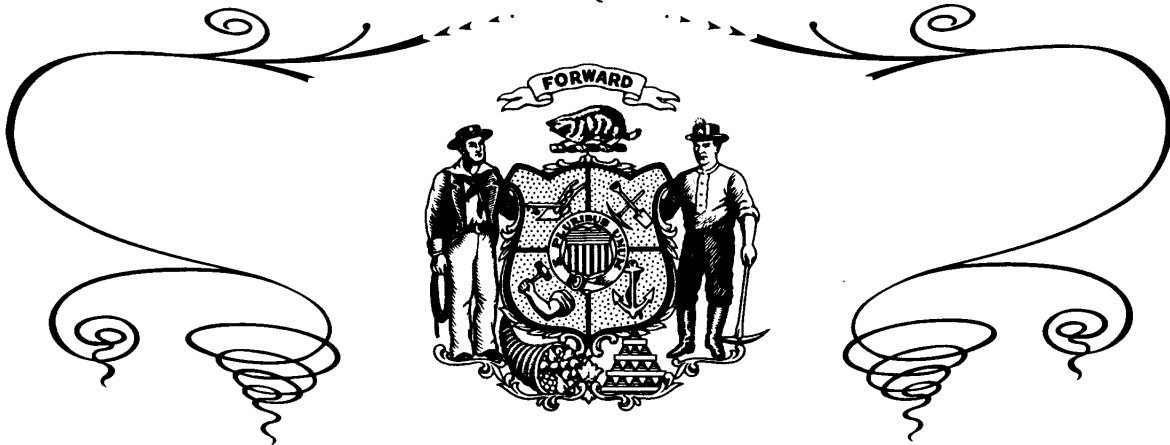


State of Wisconsin



2001 Senate Resolution 16

ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: autism spectrum disorder.

Whereas, autism spectrum disorder has been labeled the silent epidemic of our time, silent because this developmental disorder has robbed at least 400,000 children of their ability to communicate and interact with their families and loved ones, and silent because there are currently no established autism registries in the nation to tell us how many people are actually afflicted with this disorder; and

Whereas, current statistics tell us that autism affects at least one in every 500 children in America, and recent anecdotal evidence suggests that autism rates are increasing to possibly one in every 250 children; and

Whereas, the U.S. house of representatives has passed a resolution, H. CON. RES. 91, recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorder, and supporting programs for greater research and improved treatment of autism and improved training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for them; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, That: the members of the Wisconsin senate urge the U.S. senate to concur in H. CON. RES. 91; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to each member of the Wisconsin congressional delegation, to the members of the U.S. senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the secretary of the U.S. senate, and to the clerk of the U.S. house of representatives.

State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Date

Donald J. Schneider
Senate Chief Clerk