A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the practice of selectively aborting fetuses with
2 Down syndrome.

3 WHEREAS, Recent reports have characterized Iceland's near
4 eradication of Down syndrome as laudable despite the eradication
5 being the result of abortion following prenatal diagnosis of
6 Down syndrome; and

7 WHEREAS, Purposefully encouraging abortion and using other
8 sterilization techniques to rid society of a class of
9 individuals are heinous, immoral actions, essentially practicing
10 eugenics; and

11 WHEREAS, Eugenics is a science that deals with the
12 improvement of hereditary qualities of a race or breed by
13 controlling human mating and reproduction; and

14 WHEREAS, Historically, the vile tactics of eugenics have been
15 practiced worldwide and widely condemned after their expanded
16 use in Nazi Germany; and

17 WHEREAS, The notion that an individual with Down syndrome is
incapable of leading a full life is grossly flawed; and
WHEREAS, After receiving prenatal test results, parents
should not be pressured into aborting their children; and
WHEREAS, Resources should be devoted to improving the lives
of those with Down syndrome, developing and delivering new and
effective educational, behavioral and drug treatments for Down
syndrome and conducting related research; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Senate condemn the practice of selectively
aborting fetuses with Down syndrome; and be it further
RESOLVED, That individuals with Down syndrome be respected
and admired for the joy and contributions they bring to society.