

107TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 310

Honoring Justin W. Dart, Jr. as a champion of the rights of individuals  
with disabilities.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2002

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. GREGG)  
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring Justin W. Dart, Jr. as a champion of the rights  
of individuals with disabilities.

Whereas Justin W. Dart, Jr. was born in Chicago, Illinois in  
1930;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr. has been recognized as a pioneer  
and leader in the disability rights movement;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr. operated successful businesses in  
the United States and Japan;

Whereas 5 Presidents, 5 Governors, and Congress have seen  
fit to appoint Justin Dart, Jr. to leadership positions  
within the area of disability policy, including Vice Chair-  
man of the National Council on Disability, Commissioner  
of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Chair-  
person of the President's Committee on Employment of

People with Disabilities, and Chairperson of the Congressional Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr. was a civil rights activist for individuals with disabilities since he was stricken with polio in 1948 and played a leadership role in numerous civil rights marches across the country;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr. worked tirelessly to secure passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which was signed into law by President Bush, and is often recognized as a major driving force behind the disability rights movement and that landmark legislation;

Whereas on January 15, 1998, President Clinton awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our Nation's highest civilian award, to Justin Dart, Jr.;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr. has left a powerful legacy as a civil rights advocate and his actions have benefited the people of the United States;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr. is not only remembered for his advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities, but also for his energetic spirit and for the formal and informal independent living skills programs for individuals with disabilities that he supported; and

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr. passed away at his home on June 22, 2002, and is survived by his wife, Yoshiko Dart, 5 daughters, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) recognizes Justin W. Dart, Jr. as 1 of the  
3       true champions of the rights of individuals with dis-

1 abilities and for his many contributions to the Na-  
2 tion throughout his lifetime;

3 (2) honors Justin W. Dart, Jr. for his tireless  
4 efforts to improve the lives of individuals with dis-  
5 abilities; and

6 (3) recognizes that the achievements of Justin  
7 W. Dart, Jr. have inspired and encouraged millions  
8 of individuals with disabilities in the United States  
9 to overcome obstacles and barriers so that the indi-  
10 viduals can lead more independent and successful  
11 lives.

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