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Summary SR 113 PN 0885

This resolution urges the Commonwealth to adopt and utilize person-first language with respect to people with disabilities.

Language which places the disability before the individual devalues that individual. Person-first language is considered to be neutral, objective, accurate, and nonpejorative.

SR113 urges the Senate to adopt and utilize person-first language in legislation, co-sponsorship memos, reports and other documents from the General Assembly. It similarly urges the adoption of these policies by the Executive and Judicial branches of government.