

1 Program (formerly known as food stamps), the asset limits of which currently force low-
2 income persons into the difficult decision of whether to spend what resources they may have
3 down to two thousand dollars in most cases in order to become eligible for needed
4 assistance; and

5 WHEREAS, the ABLE Act includes a fiscal safeguard for states by providing that
6 if the ABLE account beneficiary dies or their disability ceases and assets remain in the
7 account, the assets will be distributed first to any state Medicaid plan that provided
8 assistance to the person; and

9 WHEREAS, as evidenced by the party affiliations of its seventy-eight original
10 cosponsors being almost perfectly balanced, the ABLE Act legislation enjoys broad
11 bipartisan support; and

12 WHEREAS, the ABLE Act embodies sound economic policy by encouraging
13 savings and asset building; and by providing that every citizen living with a disability has
14 the opportunity to attain independence and an improved quality of life and promotes
15 important values that our nation holds dear.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the
18 ABLE Act.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
21 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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