

1 WHEREAS, the asset limits of such programs had previously forced low-income
2 persons into the difficult decision of whether to spend their limited resources, down to two
3 thousand dollars in most cases, in order to become eligible for needed assistance; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, the ABLE Act embodies sound economic policy by encouraging
12 savings and asset building; and

13 WHEREAS, the ABLE Act promotes important values that our nation holds dear by
14 providing that every citizen living with a disability has the opportunity to attain
15 independence and an improved quality of life; and

16 WHEREAS, prior to its passing, a limitation was added to the ABLE Act, which
17 limits the benefits to persons who had the onset of disability before the age of twenty-six;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, this age limitation has prevented many persons and families from
20 receiving the many benefits of the ABLE Act; and

21 WHEREAS, the ABLE Age Adjustment Act has been introduced as S. 331 and H.R.
22 1219 in the One Hundred Seventeenth United States Congress; and

23 WHEREAS, the ABLE Age Adjustment Act would make the provisions of the
24 ABLE Act available to persons who had the onset of disability before the age of forty-six;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, if passed, the ABLE Age Adjustment Act would make six million more
27 persons with disabilities eligible for ABLE accounts; and

28 WHEREAS, if passed, the ABLE Age Adjustment Act would also help states keep
29 administrative costs for the state ABLE programs low; and

1 WHEREAS, as evidenced by the party affiliations of its sixty-five cosponsors, the
2 ABLE Age Adjustment Act has broad bipartisan support.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such
5 actions as are necessary to pass the ABLE Age Adjustment Act.

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

DIGEST

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