

1 Representatives, and Senators John Kennedy (R-LA) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) in the United
2 States Senate; and

3 WHEREAS, the Major Richard Star Act, reintroduced in the 119th Congress as H.R.
4 2101 in the House of Representatives and S.1032 in the Senate, would eliminate the offset
5 for veterans with combat-related disabilities and allow service members to receive, without
6 reduction, both the earned retirement pay from the Department of Defense and a disability
7 compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

8 WHEREAS, H.R.2102, sponsored by Representative Gus M. Bilirakis (R-FL),
9 currently has three hundred fourteen cosponsors in the United States House of
10 Representatives, and S.1032, sponsored by Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), has
11 seventy-seven cosponsors in the United States Senate, demonstrating strong bipartisan
12 support; and

13 WHEREAS, despite widespread bipartisan support and the introduction of the
14 legislation in March 2025, the Major Richard Star Act remains stalled in committee as of
15 February 2026, with no floor vote or further action taken; and

16 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana is deeply disappointed that the United
17 States Congress has failed to enact the Major Richard Star Act, thereby neglecting to
18 properly care for our combat-injured veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedom
19 and security; and

20 WHEREAS, passing the Major Richard Star Act is essential to honor the promises
21 made to our military veterans and ensure that proper entitlements and the full benefits
22 earned, through member service and sacrifice, are received.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes
24 the Congress of the United States and the administration of United States President Donald
25 Trump to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Major Richard Star Act (H.R.2102
26 and S.1032) to ensure that combat wounded, medically retired service members receive
27 proper military entitlements.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
29 to the president of the United States, the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of
30 the House of Representatives, and each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United

