

BY REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council and its grassroots advocacy
3 network, LaCAN, and to designate April 29, 2015, as Disability Rights Day in
4 Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, a disability is a natural part of life and does not diminish the right of
6 individuals with disabilities to exercise control over their lives and fully participate in their
7 communities; and

8 WHEREAS, children, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, need families
9 and enduring relationships with adults in a nurturing home environment; children with
10 developmental disabilities need families and family relationships to develop to their fullest
11 potential; and

12 WHEREAS, adults with developmental disabilities should be afforded the
13 opportunity to make decisions for themselves and to live in typical homes and communities
14 where they can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, almost thirteen thousand people are waiting for individual and family
16 support and services that will allow them to live independently in their own homes or with
17 their families rather than being segregated from their communities in facilities in order to
18 receive support; and

19 WHEREAS, the number of individuals with disabilities waiting for individual and
20 family support and services continues to increase annually; and

1 WHEREAS, LaCAN is a statewide, grassroots network of individuals, families, and
2 other stakeholders advocating for individual and family support and services for Louisiana's
3 citizens who are developmentally disabled; and

4 WHEREAS, Disability Rights Day in Louisiana allows individuals with disabilities
5 and families from across Louisiana to meet their legislators at the state capitol and educate
6 them on the issues impacting people with disabilities, as well as to rally in support of
7 individual and family support and services.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 commend the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council and its grassroots advocacy
10 network, LaCAN, and does hereby designate April 29, 2015, as Disability Rights Day in
11 Louisiana.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
13 to the executive director of the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.

DIGEST

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Commends the La. Developmental Disabilities Council and LaCAN, and recognizes April 29, 2015, as Disability Rights Day in La.