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Summary: May 1st "See the Able Day"

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 4/23/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on **Education** (Senate Journal‑page 10)

 4/24/2025 Senate Recalled from Committee on **Education**

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A concurrent RESOLUTION

TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THROUGH LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE (LIFE) PROGRAMS AND TO DECLARE MAY 1, 2025, AS “SEE THE ABLE DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is proud to recognize Maggie Thompson, Miss Upstate 2025, for establishing See the Able, a community service initiative advocating for higher education opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through Learning is for Everyone (LIFE) programs; and

Whereas, more than 101,000 students in South Carolina receive special education services through the public education system. While these students are supported until the age of twenty‑one, there is a critical need to address their opportunities after high school; and

Whereas, LIFE programs and the two‑ or four‑year certificate of postsecondary education they confer, provide these individuals with higher education experiences and essential skills to empower them to pursue higher education and career goals, all while promoting inclusion and independence; and

Whereas, there are currently six LIFE programs that exist in South Carolina: CharlestonLIFE; CarolinaLIFE; ClemsonLIFE; WinthropLIFE; USCALIFE and Coastal CarolinaLIFE; and

Whereas, Miss Thompson has been actively volunteering with ClemsonLIFE, and in conjunction with the See the Able initiative, is working to raise awareness of the LIFE programs statewide by building vital community partnerships to create employment opportunities for LIFE program participants, as well as raising awareness of other resources in this State for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, it is fitting for the members of the South Carolina General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to recognize the community service initiative, See the Able, as well as Maggie Thompson’s efforts to raise awareness of higher education opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, raise awareness of higher education opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through Learning is for Everyone (LIFE) programs and declare May 1, 2025, as “See the Able Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Maggie Thompson.

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