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that that was a missing piece; that the adults, as well-meaning as they are, have a tendency to talk to each other in the foster care setting, in the HHS setting, in the judge or the courtroom setting with very little consultation or particularly valuable information. And towards that score I thought, look, I haven't been through the system; you have. I'll bring the resolution and with the redrafting it so that it is not a right, it is not a claim that says one is entitled to this, the state is bound to do this. It is a statement of aspiration, one that we fall short of because of the limitation of resources that we have. Our resources are already stretched, but it's not unreasonable, I think, to declare that aspiration level as the kids who brought me this resolution wanted to have happen. I ask for its adoption of LR 76.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Howard, I had recognized Senator Landis to close before your light came on. The question before the body is adoption of LR 76. All in favor vote aye; opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on the resolution who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 76.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LR 76 has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, LR 65.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 65 was originally introduced by Senator Byars. It's found on page 991 of the Journal. Pursuant to its introduction, it was referred to Health and Human Services Committee for public hearing. That committee reported the resolution back to the Legislature for further consideration, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, to open on LR 65.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution asks Congress to make it a priority to ensure that there is a stable, high-quality direct support work force for individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities, and that they make it a priority to advance our nation's commitment to community integration for those individuals and to make sure