

Senate Resolution 569

By: Senators Cable of the 27th, Hill of the 4th, James of the 35th, Williams of the 6th,
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ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for public policy that strengthens marriage and improves the self-
2 sufficiency of families; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in a mere generation, American society has moved from being a family and
4 marriage culture, to a divorce and cohabitation culture; and

5 WHEREAS, the family is an ancient social institution that is as worthy of protection as our
6 environment and its treasured resources; and

7 WHEREAS, high rates of divorce, unwed mothers, and absentee fathers are prevalent
8 conditions in our society that have profound negative consequences for children; and

9 WHEREAS, statistical evidence indicates that family breakdown creates substantial burdens
10 for its victims and for our communities which must bear the cost of increased taxes, crime,
11 compromised learning environments, heavy court dockets, and other social problems; and

12 WHEREAS, the path out of long-term poverty is often eased by the strength of marital
13 partnerships between adults who have successfully completed high school and found work
14 prior to parenthood; and federal welfare reform has embraced this approach in its programs.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 express their support for public policies that strengthen marriage and families to the benefit
17 of the state, its communities, and its children.