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Fund-Raising

CTD DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
1983 RESOLUTIONS

1983-D-1

1. Whereas CTD is conducting a statewide fund-raising project called Jog-a-rama, and whereas the funds raised will be used to foster the growth of CTD and to support the independent living movement, and whereas the Commissioner of TRC has consented to support CTD by running in the jog-a-rama; therefore, be it resolved that CTD express its appreciation to TRC and Commissioner Max Arrell in a letter stating our thanks for their support of the jog-a-rama and their continued support of the independent movement and rights of disabled persons.

by Bob Kafka

JOBTRNG COORD CNCL.
1983-D-2

3. Whereas CTD has a high priority for the appointment of disabled persons to policy-making and planning positions in order to have the needs and interests of the disabled population adequately represented; and whereas among the members of the coordinating council for the job training and partnership act, there are no persons with disabilities; and whereas there are currently four positions open on that coordinating council; whereas by its legislative mandate the Job Training and Partnership Act must expend 10% of its funds on persons with disabilities. Therefore, be it resolved that CTD strongly urge Governor White to appoint at least two qualified disabled persons who represent authentic disability rights advocacy organizations as members of the coordinating council for the Job Training Partnership Act.

by Peg Nosek

1983-A-1 ^{Voting}

5. Whereas elected officials possess considerable power to effect improvements in the delivery of services to persons with disabilities, the protection of civil rights and the removal of barriers to quality of life and equal participation in society; and whereas in order for elected officials to act on changes desired by the disability rights movement, it must be politically

possible and advantageous to do so; and whereas in order for the disabled population to create such a political advantage, it must be perceived as a unified constituency; and whereas such perceptions are fostered by visible and effective voter registration, education and mobilization activities; and whereas 1.7 million disabled Texans constitute a group of individuals with many common interests and have a tremendous potential to be a powerful political force. Therefore, be it resolved that CTD in convention assembled this 23rd day of October 1983 will make as the top priority for 1983 and 1984 the registration, education and mobilization of disabled voters under the title "Disabled but Able to Vote" campaign; and be it further resolved that CTD will in cooperation with its State and Local member organizations and other groups concerned with this issue encourage, coordinate and be a resource for a week-long series of rallies throughout Texas to promote this campaign; and be it further resolved that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities will cooperate with and support the "Disabled but Able to Vote" campaign of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities.

by Peg Nosek

VISTA
1983-A2/c2

6. Whereas through VISTA, over 30 volunteers, a majority of whom have disabilities, have been recruited and placed in the CTD central office and with CTD member organizations; and whereas the placement of such volunteers has been a tremendous benefit to the host organization; and whereas the opportunity to serve as volunteers has been offered to many talented and productive disabled persons who have faced difficulties in finding gainful employment in the traditional job market; and whereas the VISTA program is in great jeopardy of being terminated by the current administration. Therefore, be it resolved that CTD urge Congress and the President to appropriate funds for the continuation and expansion of VISTA. by Peg Nosek 7. Whereas Thomas Paukin, National Action Director and Paulette Standefer, Regional Action Director have demonstrated their continuing support of the efforts expended by disabled citizens of Texas; whereas Mr. Paukin's and Ms. Standefer's assistance has proven to be most beneficial to CTD and to its member organizations. Be it resolved that CTD show its appreciation by endorsement of this resolution at the sixth annual delegate assembly in El Paso, Texas, October 21 through 23, 1983 and send formalized copies of said resolution to Director Paukin and Director Standefer. [This resolution did not pass.]

by Jerry Hassell

S. W Bell Telephone
1983-A-2

9. Whereas the rate hike request made by Southwestern Bell Telephone, if approved, will double or triple basic telephone service rates; and whereas the impact of such increases will fall most heavily on low income Texans, whose ranks include a disproportionately high number of disabled persons; and whereas many disabled persons would be forced to give up their telephones; and whereas to many disabled persons, the phone is a vital link to friends, relatives, many necessary services, businesses, medical care, and emergency assistance; and whereas Southwestern Bell's argument at the court order divestiture is forcing this rate hike request is unsupported by hard data; and whereas the proposed increases are concentrated in those areas of service where no competition exists and no or minimal increases are proposed in the competitive areas of

services; and whereas 81% of the increases will be borne by residential customers and much of the increase is to provide equipment from modern sophisticated and high technological services and not necessarily for the continuance of existing basic telephone services; and whereas the currently available lifeline rate price at 60% of basic service is limited to 25 calls per month and is proposed to increase to 80% of the new basic rate for the same number of calls; and whereas Southwestern Bell has stated that they will be eventually requesting authorization of local measured service charging by the call, considering length of time, distance, and time of day and such rate structure will particularly penalize those who depend on the phone for more of their communication needs; therefore, be it resolved that CTD actively opposes the rate hike request of Southwestern Bell before the Public Utilities Commission of Texas [and opposes any future attempts of Southwestern Bell to seek authorization of local measured rate structure.] Be it further resolved that CTD request the commissioners of the Public Utility Commission to make a study of the impact of the proposed increase on disabled Texans and to provide for a lifeline rate to offer reasonable service at a reasonable price.

by MIGHT and ARCIL

1983-A-3 TDHR-disabled persons

10. Whereas TDHR has a wide range of services that could be utilized by disabled Texans to increase their productivity and independence; and whereas in the past the access to and the knowledge regarding these services by disabled Texans have been of a limited nature; and whereas the needs of disabled Texans are growing each year; therefore, be it resolved that CTD communicate to appropriate TDHR Departments and staff that a committee be established to review their services in regard to disabled persons and that this review be focused on developing a longrange plan for increased participation of disabled persons.

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by Bob Kafka

1983 - A-5 2bed room/att care

12. Whereas severely disabled persons sometimes require live-in attendant care in order to live independently; and whereas these persons are low income and need Federally subsidized housing which is regulated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and whereas HUD Regulations have provided for one bedroom accessible housing units but have provided for very few, if any, two bedroom units which could accommodate a live-in attendant for these severely disabled persons. Therefore, be it resolved that CTD ask their member organizations to contact their respective congressional representatives regarding the need for revision of HUD Regulations to demand support for an increase in the number of accessible housing units, both one and two bedroom, that would accommodate severely disabled persons.

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Education
1983-A-6/B-1

13. Whereas school age disabled students need as much public service education services provision as possible; whereas research has demonstrated that the time factor involved for the provision of such services, especially in the case of severely disabled youth, has been viewed as extremely important in assisting such youth with special needs in becoming economically self-sufficient and independent; whereas the State Board of Education has recently changed the official TEA special education age eligibility rule from "through 21 years of age" to "through 20 years of age." Therefore, be it resolved that CTD at its annual delegate assembly held in El Paso on October 21-23, 1983 direct its President on behalf of the Board of Directors to write a letter of protest and concern to the chairperson of the State Board of Education indicating CTD opposition to the age eligibility rule change and reinstate the former rule [21 years]. Further, copies of said letter be sent to members of the State Board of Education, TEA Commissioner and Governor White.

by Jim Bruce

1983-D-4 appreciation Nat Cnd Hdb.

14. Whereas Joe Dusenbury as chairperson of the National Council on the Handicapped was an outspoken advocate for the rights of disabled persons before the Congress and the Reagan Administration; and whereas he took extraordinary efforts to preserve and expand funding for independence oriented programs at the Federal level; and whereas he involved authentic representatives of the disabled population in the creation of government policy. Therefore, be it resolved that CTD commend Joe Dusenbury for his courageous and historic contributions to the quality of lives of persons with disabilities during his service as chairperson of the National Council on the Handicapped.

by Peg Nosek

1983-D-5 Voting Stamp/Slogan

15. Whereas the priority for CTD for 1983-84 is registering, educating and mobilizing disabled voters; and whereas plastic stamps which read "20 million Americans Disabled but Able to Vote" are available through the CTD office and are in the possession of most members and member organizations of CTD; therefore, be it resolved that CTD will utilize the above mentioned stamp and/or the slogan (Disabled but Able...) on all correspondence connected with CTD activities and be it further resolved that CTD urges all of its members and member organizations to do the same.

1983-A-7 disabled persons in National Council

16. Whereas on August 29, 1983 the National Council on the Handicapped under chairperson Joe Dusenbury adopted the national policy for persons with disabilities; and whereas this policy was based on input received from more than 2000 persons with disabilities and their advocates representing every state in the country, including more than 1,300 persons in Texas; and whereas the fundamental concepts underlying this document are in basic agreement with those of the disability rights movement; therefore be it resolved that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities in convention assembled this 23rd day of October 1983, strongly urges the president and the council to act in all due haste to implement this policy within all levels of government and undertake aggressive measures to encourage cooperation from the private sector. Be it further resolved that the president, Congress, and National Council continue the commendable practice of involving disabled persons at the highest levels of decision making and planning within his administration.

1983-D-6 commend J. Perlman

17. Whereas CTD recognizes the visible, productive participation of disabled persons in all aspects of society as the highest tribute to the potential contributions of our minority population; and whereas Itzak Perlman is an artist of consummate skill and sensitivity and has achieved a position worldwide acclaim as a virtuoso violinist; and whereas Mr. Perlman as an

individual with a disability has been a vocal advocate for environmental accessibility and equal rights for disabled persons; and whereas he has undertaken to establish a foundation dedicated to the provision of financial assistance to grassroots disability rights advocacy organizations that they may proceed with increased vigor and stability; and whereas the overall level of awareness throughout the world of problems and potentials of disabled persons has significantly increased as a result of his performances and advocacy; therefore, be it resolved that CTD formally commend Itzak Perlman for his contributions to our cause and offer to fully support and cooperate with his advocacy activities and the establishment of a disability rights foundation; and be it further resolved that this resolution be presented to him during his visit to Texas in February 1984 with an invitation that he join us in activities connected with our "Disabled but Able" campaign.

by Peg Nosek