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**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE "DIVIDED WE FAIL" EFFORT**

**WE**, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President-elect of the United States and the members of the United States Congress, as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the opportunity to have access to health care and long-term financial security is a basic need that all Americans share and it is the foundation for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that all Americans should have peace of mind about their future long-term financial security and have access to affordable health care, including prescription drugs, and these costs should not burden future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, wellness and prevention efforts, including changes in personal behavior such as diet and exercise, should be top national priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans should have choices when it comes to long-term care, allowing them to maintain their independence at home or in their communities with expanded and affordable financing options; and

**WHEREAS**, our children and grandchildren should have an adequate quality of life when they retire, and Social Security must be strengthened without burdening future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, workers should be provided with financial incentives to save, should have access to effective retirement plans and should be able to keep working and contributing to society regardless of age; moreover, Americans of all ages should have access to tools to help manage their finances and save for the future as well as easy-to-understand information to help them increase their financial literacy and manage their money wisely; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, businesses, health care providers, nonprofit organizations and government must work together to find solutions, personally, privately and publicly; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Association of Retired Persons, the Business Roundtable and the Service Employees International Union have committed to be champions for this new American dream by launching Divided We Fail, an effort that engages millions of Americans to call their elected leaders to work together across party lines to provide answers, action and accountability on these issues; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, express our support for the Divided We Fail effort and respectfully urge federal elected officials to do the same; and be it further

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**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President-elect of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.