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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children  
3 to have extreme difficulty in planning and producing the  
4 precise, highly-refined, and specific series of movements of  
5 the tongue, lips, jaw, and palate that are necessary for the  
6 production of proper speech; it is one of the most severe  
7 speech and communication problems in children; and

8           WHEREAS, Every child should be afforded his or her best  
9 opportunity to develop his or her speech, and with early  
10 intervention and appropriate therapy, most children with CAS  
11 will learn to communicate with their very own voices; while the  
12 act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children,  
13 those with apraxia require years of intensive speech therapy  
14 and face a lengthy struggle to learn to communicate, and  
15 although not life-threatening, the disorder is life-altering  
16 as families are left to cope with the emotional, physical, and  
17 financial challenges of having a child diagnosed with CAS; and

18           WHEREAS, The Apraxia Connection and Silent Stars  
19 Foundation, along with the national organization, the  
20 Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America, are  
21 part of a local, State, and national effort to bring awareness  
22 to CAS, and are speaking up for children who do not have a  
23 voice; and

1           WHEREAS, These children, as well as their families, deserve  
2           our highest respect for their effort, determination, and  
3           resilience in the face of such obstacles; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5           HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6           declare May 14, 2017 as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in the State of  
7           Illinois to bring attention to one of the most severe speech  
8           and communication problems in children; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10          presented to the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of  
11          North America.