

House Resolution 16 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

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1 A Resolution recognizing May 14, 2015, as Childhood
2 Apraxia of Speech Day, and encouraging awareness and
3 understanding of the disorder.

4 WHEREAS, May 14, 2015, marks the third annual
5 Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, during which awareness
6 will be raised about childhood apraxia of speech, a
7 particularly difficult, persistent, and severe speech
8 and communication disorder in youngsters; and

9 WHEREAS, childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes
10 children to have extreme difficulty learning to
11 speak and is among the most severe of speech and
12 communication problems in children; and

13 WHEREAS, although the process of learning to speak
14 comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia
15 endure an incredible and lengthy struggle; and

16 WHEREAS, without appropriate intervention, children
17 with apraxia are placed at high risk for secondary
18 difficulties in literacy and other academic-related
19 skills; and

20 WHEREAS, most children with apraxia of speech will
21 learn to communicate with their own voices only if they
22 receive early intervention and appropriate, frequent
23 speech therapy; and

24 WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater
25 public awareness about CAS at the local, state, and
26 federal level; and

27 WHEREAS, entities such as insurance providers and
28 schools are encouraged to recognize the critical need

1 to provide adequate speech therapy and other services
2 so that the impact of this disorder can be minimized
3 and so that affected children can grow into productive,
4 contributing adult citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, our highest respect goes to these
6 children, as well as their families, for their effort,
7 determination, and resilience in the face of such
8 obstacles; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
10 That the House of Representatives recognizes May 14,
11 2015, as Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day and encourages
12 citizens to work within their communities to increase
13 awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of
14 speech.