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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, An omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early
3 in pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close
4 properly and some or most of the abdominal organs protrude into
5 the umbilical cord; and

6 WHEREAS, It is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in
7 about one out of every 5,000 pregnancies and a large or giant
8 omphalocele occurs in about one out of every 10,000
9 pregnancies; and

10 WHEREAS, An omphalocele may be isolated or may be
11 associated with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Despite the challenges a baby born with an
14 omphalocele may face, many babies who are born with an
15 omphalocele survive and go on to live happy, healthy lives; and

16 WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles (MOO) is a group of over
17 2,000 parents from around the world that was created to provide
18 hope and information to families with babies diagnosed with an
19 omphalocele; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Mothers of
2 Omphaloceles for their courageous efforts to advocate for their
3 children and raise awareness that an omphalocele is a treatable
4 condition; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we recognize International Omphalocele
6 Awareness Day celebrated annually on January 31 as part of
7 Birth Defects Prevention Month; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we declare January 31, 2017 as Omphalocele
9 Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Mothers of Omphaloceles as an expression of our
12 respect and esteem.