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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives urges the United States Congress to pass
4 Congressional Bill S.3396 for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
5 Research; and

6 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia is a birth
7 defect; and

8 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia has a rate of
9 occurrence of 1 in every 2500 babies; and

10 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia affects
11 approximately 1800 babies each year in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia occurs when the
13 diaphragm fails to fully form, allowing abdominal organs to
14 migrate into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and

15 WHEREAS, The majority of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
16 patients have underdeveloped lungs and or poor pulmonary
17 function; and

18 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia patients often
19 endure long-term complications such as pulmonary hypertension,

1 pulmonary hypoplasia, asthma, gastrointestinal reflex, feeding
2 disorders, and developmental delays; and

3 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia survivors
4 sometimes endure long-term mechanical ventilation dependency,
5 skeletal malformations, supplemental oxygen dependency,
6 enteral and parenteral nutrition, and hypoxic brain injury; and

7 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia has a survival
8 rate of 50%; and

9 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia has affected over
10 600,000 babies worldwide since the year 2000; and

11 WHEREAS, Babies born with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
12 endure extended hospital stays in intensive care with multiple
13 surgeries; the extended hospital stays in some cases have
14 exceeded one year; and

15 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia is as common as
16 Spina Bifida and Cystic Fibrosis; and

17 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia is diagnosed in
18 utero in only 75% of cases; and

19 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia is treated

1 through mechanical ventilation, heart and lung bypass
2 (Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation) machines, and surgical
3 repair; and

4 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia surgical repair
5 is often outgrown thus leading to reherniation and requiring
6 additional surgery; and

7 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia does not
8 discriminate based on race, gender, religion, economic status,
9 or lack of prenatal care; and

10 WHEREAS, The cause of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia is
11 unknown; and

12 WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia takes more lives
13 in the average year in the United States than lightening
14 strikes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and floods combined; and

15 WHEREAS, The average hospital bill per Congenital
16 Diaphragmatic Hernia patient is \$500,000; and

17 WHEREAS, The estimated total annual economic impact of
18 Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia in the United States is in
19 excess of \$800,000,000; and

1 WHEREAS, Annual federal support for Congenital
2 Diaphragmatic Hernia research at the National Institutes of
3 Health is currently estimated at less than \$5,000,000;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we urge Congress to pass S.3396 to expand the funds available
8 for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Research; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Governor Pat Quinn and the Illinois Congressional
11 Delegation.