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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) is a complex
3 neurological motor-planning disorder often accompanied by
4 other special needs and is among the most severe of speech and
5 communication problems; and

6 WHEREAS, Children affected by CAS have extreme difficulty
7 planning and producing the precise, highly refined, and
8 specific series of movements of the tongue, lips, jaw, and
9 palate that are necessary in producing clear, intelligible
10 speech; and

11 WHEREAS, While the act of learning to speak comes
12 effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require years
13 of intensive speech therapy and have lengthy struggles to
14 communicate; although not life-threatening, the disorder is
15 life-altering, as families are left to cope with the emotional,
16 physical, and financial challenges of having a child diagnosed
17 with CAS; and

18 WHEREAS, The Apraxia Connection and Silent Stars
19 Foundation, along with the national organization Childhood
20 Apraxia of Speech of North America, are part of a local, state,
21 and national effort to bring awareness of this disorder;
22 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate May 14,
3 2013 as Apraxia Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to The Apraxia Connection as a symbol of our esteem
7 and respect for its work.