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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
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 declare May 14, 2015 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.