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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Heterotaxy syndrome is a disorder that results in
3 certain organs forming on the opposite side of the body;
4 Heterotaxy has been known to affect the development of the
5 heart, liver, lungs, intestines, and spleen; and

6 WHEREAS, Babies with Heterotaxy syndrome are usually first
7 identified because they have structural problems with their
8 hearts or livers; 4 out of every 1,000,000 babies born will
9 have Heterotaxy syndrome; and

10 WHEREAS, Babies with Heterotaxy can have symptoms that
11 start shortly after birth, including a blue color to the skin
12 (cyanosis), poor feeding habits, fast breathing, increased
13 sweating when they eat, or poor weight gain; all of these
14 symptoms can indicate heart failure in the baby; other symptoms
15 include heart murmurs, biliary atresia, intestinal blockage,
16 no spleen (asplenia), and many little spleens (polysplenia);
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The exact cause of Heterotaxy is not known, but
19 the symptoms result from the way that the internal organs turn
20 into position during fetal development; this rotation can be
21 affected by many different factors, including infection,
22 genetics, or exposure to certain chemicals; and

1 WHEREAS, The use of echocardiograms, electrocardiograms,
2 and x-rays, among other medical diagnostic tools, can ensure a
3 timely and accurate diagnosis of Heterotaxy syndrome; the use
4 of medication and surgical procedures can then be used to help
5 treat the syndrome; and

6 WHEREAS, Without corrective surgery, most children with
7 Heterotaxy syndrome and significant heart problems will not
8 survive beyond the first year of life; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate May 4,
11 2015 as Heterotaxy Awareness Day in the State of Illinois in
12 order to bring attention to this disorder and the efforts of
13 many to treat this serious problem.