

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 26, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 14, 2018, as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is a motor speech
4 disorder where children have problems making speech sounds
5 because the brain has difficulty planning the motor and muscle
6 movements needed for speech; and

7 WHEREAS, The cause of CAS is not well understood in most
8 cases; and

9 WHEREAS, CAS may be the result of neurological conditions or
10 injury such as stroke, infection or traumatic brain injury; and

11 WHEREAS, Children with CAS do not follow typical patterns of
12 developing sounds and speech; and

13 WHEREAS, When CAS is most severe, children struggle to make
14 sounds; and

15 WHEREAS, Children with a moderate or milder form of CAS

1 struggle with syllables and words; and

2 WHEREAS, The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
3 reports that the number of children diagnosed with CAS is on the
4 rise; and

5 WHEREAS, Certified speech-language pathologists with
6 knowledge and experience with CAS conduct an assessment of a
7 child's oral-motor abilities, melody of speech and speech sound
8 development in order to diagnose CAS; and

9 WHEREAS, Treatment includes speech therapy and can include
10 sign language and an augmentative communication system; and

11 WHEREAS, Research shows that children with CAS have more
12 success when they receive frequent and intensive treatment;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 14,
15 2018, as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage
16 all residents to work within their communities to increase
17 awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of speech.