

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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AND WOZNIAK, MAY 14, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 14, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 14, 2013, as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Childhood apraxia of speech is a challenging and
4 complicated neurological speech disorder affecting children; and

5 WHEREAS, Little is known about this disorder that makes it
6 difficult or impossible for children to accurately produce
7 sounds, syllables or words despite knowing what they want to say
8 and having a good understanding of language; and

9 WHEREAS, There is no known cause or cure for apraxia and much
10 more research is needed into this disorder; and

11 WHEREAS, Parents whose children have been diagnosed with
12 apraxia and many speech therapists who work with those children
13 have emphasized the importance of early intervention and the
14 significant impact it can have on speech development in
15 children; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 14, 2013, as "Apraxia

1 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania in order to give a voice to those
2 who have been diagnosed with apraxia, to raise awareness of
3 apraxia and to strengthen the support systems for children with
4 apraxia so that each child is afforded the best opportunity to
5 develop speech.