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A RESOLUTION

1 Raising awareness for apraxia in Pennsylvania.

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

4 WHEREAS, This disorder makes it difficult or impossible for
5 children to accurately produce sounds, syllables or words
6 despite knowing what they want to say and having a good
7 understanding of language; and

8 WHEREAS, Little is known about apraxia, which has no known
9 cause; and

10 WHEREAS, Apraxia has no cure and much more research into this
11 disorder is needed; and

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

17 WHEREAS, The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

1 reports that the number of children diagnosed with childhood
2 apraxia of speech is on the rise; and

3 WHEREAS, Research shows that children with childhood apraxia
4 of speech have more success when they receive frequent and
5 intensive treatment; and

6 WHEREAS, Children and adults may be diagnosed with apraxia;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate raise awareness for apraxia in
9 Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate seek to give a voice to those who
11 have been diagnosed with apraxia, raise awareness of apraxia and
12 strengthen the support systems for children with apraxia so that
13 each child is afforded the best opportunity to develop speech.