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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 15, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 14, 2020, 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 injuries such as a stroke, infection or traumatic brain injury;  
11 and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Children with a moderate or milder form of CAS  
17 struggle with syllables and words; and

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

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

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

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

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 14,  
14 2020, as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
15 further

16       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
17 residents to work within their communities to increase awareness  
18 and understanding of childhood apraxia of speech.