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H. RES. 1116

Expressing support for the annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day on May 14, 2022, coinciding with Better Hearing and Speech Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2022

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day on May 14, 2022, coinciding with Better Hearing and Speech Month.

Whereas childhood apraxia of speech is a motor speech neurological condition affecting 1 to 2 out of 1,000 children in the United States;

Whereas children diagnosed with childhood apraxia of speech generally have a good sense of the language and know what they want to say, however, they have difficulty learning and carrying out the complex and sequenced movements that are necessary for intelligible speech;

Whereas childhood apraxia of speech is often misdiagnosed or undiagnosed, leading to a greater gap for children who require intensive speech therapy;

Whereas children with apraxia are at greater risk for developing secondary issues relating to reading, writing, and language expressions;

Whereas children with apraxia are highly intelligent and are cognitively on par with their peers, but often suffer socially because of their lack of communication skills;

Whereas with the proper therapy, children with apraxia can lead lives full of endless possibilities and hope; and

Whereas May 14, 2022, is the designated day to observe Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives sup-
2 ports—

3 (1) the designation of a “Childhood Apraxia of
4 Speech Awareness Day”;

5 (2) increasing recognition of and education on
6 this challenging motor speech disorder;

7 (3) encouraging research and data collection for
8 childhood apraxia of speech; and

9 (4) developing educational resources for individ-
10 uals who are diagnosed with childhood apraxia of
11 speech and their families.

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