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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, May 14, 2015, marks the third annual National  
2 Childhood Apraxia Awareness Day, an observance that brings  
3 attention to a particularly challenging and persistent  
4 communication disorder in children; and

5 WHEREAS, Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is a neurological  
6 condition characterized by difficulty performing the movements  
7 needed to make speech, even when no weakness exists in the speech  
8 muscles; in severe cases, the disorder can greatly inhibit a  
9 child's speech development, placing affected children at high risk  
10 for struggles with literacy and other skills related to school  
11 performance; and

12 WHEREAS, Early intervention and speech therapy are key to  
13 helping children with CAS overcome barriers to communication, and  
14 thus it is imperative that families be well-informed and assisted  
15 in accessing these services; successfully addressing the disorder  
16 also requires increased public awareness and support at the local,  
17 state, and federal levels, including from schools and insurance  
18 providers; and

19 WHEREAS, A communication disorder is a hardship that no child  
20 deserves to face, but with time and commitment, families and  
21 professionals can help young people with CAS learn to communicate  
22 effectively and go on to lead happier, more productive lives; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize May 14, 2015, as Apraxia Awareness Day  
2 in Texas and encourage citizens to work within their communities to  
3 increase awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of  
4 speech.