

House Resolution 1708

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Shaw of the 176th, England of the 116th, Gardner of the 57th, Chandler of the 105th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 14, 2014, as Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty
4 in planning and producing the precise, highly refined, and specific series of movements of
5 the tongue, lips, jaw, and palate that are necessary for the production of proper speech; and

6 WHEREAS, CAS is the most severe of speech and communication problems among
7 children; and

8 WHEREAS, although it is not life-threatening, CAS is a life-altering condition which
9 requires families to cope with the emotional, physical, and financial challenges of having a
10 child diagnosed with CAS; and

11 WHEREAS, without appropriate intervention, children with CAS are at high risk for
12 secondary impacts in literacy and other school related skills; and

13 WHEREAS, with early intervention and appropriate therapy, most children with CAS will
14 learn to communicate with their very own voices; and

15 WHEREAS, the mission of the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America
16 is to strengthen the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia; and

17 WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness of this disorder so that children with apraxia
18 and their families are understood and respected.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize May 14, 2014, as Childhood Apraxia of Speech
21 Awareness Day.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Childhood Apraxia of
24 Speech Association of North America.