

House Resolution 894

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Shaw of the 176th, Coleman of the 97th, Tanner of the 9th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 14, 2015, as Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, May 14, 2015, will be the first annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness
4 Day, a day on which state and national awareness of childhood apraxia of speech (CAS), a
5 difficult, persistent, and severe neurological speech disorder in children, will be raised; and

6 WHEREAS, children affected by CAS have extreme difficulty planning and producing the
7 precise, highly refined, and specific series of movements of the tongue, lips, jaw, and palate
8 that are necessary to produce clear, intelligible speech; and

9 WHEREAS, CAS is one of the most severe speech and communication problems in children,
10 and those with apraxia must endure an incredible and lengthy struggle in learning to speak;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, CAS is not life threatening; however, it is life altering because families must
13 cope with the emotional, physical, and financial challenges associated with a child's
14 diagnosis of CAS; and

15 WHEREAS, every child deserves a voice and should be afforded his or her best opportunity
16 to develop speech, and with early intervention and appropriate therapy, most children with
17 CAS will learn to communicate with their very own voices; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that children diagnosed with CAS and their
19 families be recognized by this body for their determination and resilience in overcoming the
20 obstacles of childhood apraxia of speech.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize May 14, 2015, as Childhood Apraxia of Speech
23 Awareness Day.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 public and the press.