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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, An omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early  
3 in pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close  
4 properly and some or most of the abdominal organs protrude into  
5 the umbilical cord; and

6           WHEREAS, It is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in  
7 about one out of every 5,000 pregnancies and a large or giant  
8 omphalocele occurs in about one out of every 10,000  
9 pregnancies; and

10           WHEREAS, An omphalocele may be isolated or may be  
11 associated with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Despite the challenges a baby born with an  
14 omphalocele may face, many babies who are born with an  
15 omphalocele survive and go on to live happy, healthy lives; and

16           WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles (MOO) is a group of over  
17 2,000 parents from around the world that was created to provide  
18 hope and information to families with babies diagnosed with an  
19 omphalocele; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 recognize Mothers of Omphaloceles for their courageous efforts  
3 to advocate for their children and raise awareness that an  
4 omphalocele is a treatable condition; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we recognize International Omphalocele  
6 Awareness Day celebrated annually on January 31 as part of  
7 Birth Defects Prevention Month; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we declare January 31, 2017 as Omphalocele  
9 Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Mothers of Omphaloceles as an expression of our  
12 respect and esteem.