

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 157

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 14, 2025, as Apraxia Awareness Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is a motor speech disorder that presents itself when a young child is learning how to speak; and

WHEREAS, CAS affects one in one thousand children, and the condition is often misdiagnosed as a result of its relative rarity; and

WHEREAS, CAS can only be treated through frequent, intensive speech therapy that is focused on the principles of motor learning, and it is often difficult for families to find professionals who are trained to diagnose and effectively treat CAS; and

WHEREAS, CAS can occur in children by itself or along with other communication challenges including dysarthria, phonological delays, delayed language, autism, and dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, Apraxia Kids is a nonprofit, publicly funded charity whose mission is to strengthen the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia so that each child is afforded their best opportunity to develop speech and communication; and

WHEREAS, May 14 is nationally designated as Apraxia Awareness Day in the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 14, 2025, as Apraxia Awareness Day at the state capitol and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to support initiatives that help children who struggle with communication disorders like apraxia.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES