

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1728**

**A RESOLUTION designating March 31, 2015, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day.**

**WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) is a birth defect for which there is no known cause. A baby born with CDH either has a diaphragm that is missing or is partially formed. A missing or partially formed diaphragm causes abdominal organs to migrate into the chest cavity, which then causes undeveloped lungs; and**

**WHEREAS, Approximately one in every 2,500 newborns are affected by CDH and it affects people of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds. Only 50% of the estimated 500,000 newborns born with CDH since 2000 have survived; and**

**WHEREAS, Approximately 20 Kansas families are affected by CDH each year. Typically, medical costs are \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for each baby and most NICU stays are six to 12 weeks in length. Those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis, including heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, and developmental delays. At times those with CDH require long-term respiratory and medicinal support; and**

**WHEREAS, It is important to raise awareness of this congenital defect and to support those diagnosed with it and those advocating for medical research and advances: Now, therefore,**

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we designate March 31, 2015, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day, and recognize the importance of awareness and research of CDH; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 15 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Schmidt.**

**Senate Resolution No. 1728 was sponsored by Senator Vicki Schmidt.**

**I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body**

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*