

House Resolution 1171

By: Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Sims of the 123rd, Price of the 48th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 31, 2016, as International Omphalocele Awareness Day; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, an omphalocele, which may be isolated or may be associated with other defects
4 or chromosomal abnormalities, is a birth defect that occurs early in pregnancy in which the
5 abdominal wall does not close properly, and some or most of the abdominal organs protrude
6 into the umbilical cord; and

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

10 WHEREAS, despite the challenges a baby born with an omphalocele may face, many babies
11 who are born with an omphalocele survive and go on to live happy, healthy lives; and

12 WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles is a group of over 1,400 parents from around the
13 world that was created to provide hope and information to families with babies diagnosed
14 with an omphalocele; and

15 WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles is commended for its efforts to raise awareness that
16 this defect is a treatable condition.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize January 31, 2016, as International Omphalocele
19 Awareness Day.

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