

House Resolution 136

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hugley of the 141st, Cooper of the 45th, and Taylor of the 173rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7 to 14, 2025, as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week at the
2 state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, congenital heart defects are one of the most frequently occurring birth defects
4 and a leading cause of deaths related to birth defects worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, more than one million families across America face the challenges and
6 hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects, and each year, approximately
7 40,000 babies are born in the United States with these conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after
9 birth; when these conditions go undiagnosed, they can cause many cases of sudden cardiac
10 death in young athletes; and

11 WHEREAS, despite these alarming statistics, newborns and young athletes are still not
12 regularly screened for congenital heart defects; and

13 WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families
14 whose lives have been affected by congenital heart defects to celebrate life, remember the
15 loved ones they have lost, honor dedicated health professionals, and share information with
16 the public and the media.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize February 7 to 14, 2025, as Congenital Heart Defect
19 Awareness Week at the state capitol.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
22 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and its Kids at Heart program.