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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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9 ON JANUARY 31, 2015; AND TO COMMEND THE MOTHERS OF
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20 WHEREAS, an omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early in
21 pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close properly and some or
22 most of the abdominal organs protrude on the outside of the fetus's body
23 through the umbilical cord; and
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25 WHEREAS, it is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in about 1 out
26 of every 5,000 pregnancies and a large or giant omphalocele occurs in about 1
27 out of every 10,000 pregnancies; and
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29 WHEREAS, an omphalocele may be isolated or may be associated with other
30 defects or chromosomal abnormalities; and
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32 WHEREAS, despite the challenges a baby born with an omphalocele may
33 face, many babies who are born with an omphalocele survive and go on to live
34 happy, healthy lives; and
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36 WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles, "MOO", is a group of over 1,400



1 parents from around the world that was created to provide hope, support, and
2 information to families with babies diagnosed with an omphalocele,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
6 OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly:

9 (1) Recognizes Mothers of Omphaloceles for their courageous
10 efforts to advocate for their children and raise awareness that an
11 omphalocele is a treatable condition; and

12 (2) Recognizes International Omphalocele Awareness Day
13 celebrated annually on January 31 as part of the Birth Defects Prevention
14 Month.