

Introduced by Senator Bates

January 21, 2016

Senate Resolution No. 56—Relative to International Omphalocele Awareness Day.

1 WHEREAS, An omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early
2 in pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close properly
3 and some or most of the abdominal organs protrude into the
4 umbilical cord and remain outside of the abdomen; and

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

9 WHEREAS, An omphalocele may be isolated or may be
10 associated with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities; and

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

14 WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles (MOO) is a group of
15 over 1,400 parents from around the world that was created to
16 provide hope, support, and information to families with babies
17 diagnosed with an omphalocele; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California,* That the
19 Senate recognizes January 31, 2016, as International Omphalocele
20 Awareness Day, celebrated annually as part of National Birth
21 Defects Prevention Month in the month of January; and be it further

22 *Resolved,* That the Senate recognizes Mothers of Omphaloceles
23 for its courageous efforts to advocate for children born with an
24 omphalocele and to raise awareness that an omphalocele is a
25 treatable condition; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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