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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, an omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early in pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close properly and some or most of the abdominal organs protrude on the outside of the fetus's body through the umbilical cord; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in about 1 out of every 5,000 pregnancies and a large or giant omphalocele occurs in about 1 out of every 10,000 pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, an omphalocele may be isolated or may be associated with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities; and

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

WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles, "MOO", is a group of over 1,400



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

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly:

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

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