

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 341

Reps. Hernandez, Allor, Crawford, Garza, Haadsma and Kuppa offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare December 2, 2020, as Vein of Galen
2 Malformation Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, On December 2, 2010, Caiden Hernandez was born with a
4 Vein of Galen Malformation, a rare medical condition which often
5 proves fatal if left untreated; and

6 Whereas, This legislative body has a unique opportunity to
7 educate the public about this condition; and

8 Whereas, It is believed that less than 500 cases of Vein of
9 Galen Malformation are diagnosed in the United States each year,
10 and

11 Whereas, Without recognition from this legislative body, it is
12 unlikely that most parents will ever become aware of this condition

1 until it is too late; and

2 Whereas, Early detection is the key to survivability when
3 treating this disorder; and

4 Whereas, A prenatal ultrasound late in pregnancy is currently
5 the best way to detect a Vein of Galen Malformation early enough
6 for successful treatment; and

7 Whereas, Children who receive early treatment for this
8 condition can and do often make a full recovery and go on to lead a
9 long, healthy life; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
11 this legislative body declare December 2, 2020, as Vein of Galen
12 Malformation Awareness Day in the state of Michigan; and be it
13 further

14 Resolved, That we urge all Michiganders to use this day as an
15 opportunity to educate themselves about Vein of Galen
16 Malformations, and to learn about the importance of early detection
17 in treating this often fatal condition.