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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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9 ON JANUARY 31, 2015; AND TO COMMEND THE MOTHERS OF  
10 OMPHALOCELES FOR THEIR ADVOCACY EFFORTS.

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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the House of Representatives 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.