

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1868

A RESOLUTION designating March 20, 2009, as “Kansas Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”.

WHEREAS, Cerebral palsy is any number of neurological disorders that appear in infancy or early childhood and permanently affect body movement and the muscle coordination necessary to maintain balance and posture; and

WHEREAS, Cerebral palsy is caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring during fetal development, before, during or shortly after birth or during infancy; and

WHEREAS, The majority of the children that have cerebral palsy are born with it, although it may not be detected until months or years later; and

WHEREAS, More than 75% of individuals with cerebral palsy also have one or more additional developmental disabilities including epilepsy, intellectual disability, autism and visual impairments or blindness; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released information indicating an increase in the prevalence of cerebral palsy and that the rate is now about 1 in 278 children; and

WHEREAS, More than 800,000 Americans are affected by cerebral palsy; and

WHEREAS, While there is no current cure for cerebral palsy, some treatment will often improve a child’s capabilities and scientists and researchers are hopeful that breakthroughs will be forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, Researchers across the United States are conducting important research projects involving cerebral palsy; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Kansas is an institution that can raise awareness in the general public and the medical community of cerebral palsy: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we designate March 20, 2009, as “Kansas Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day” and that we recognize that all Kansans, as well as the rest of the country, should become more informed and aware of cerebral palsy; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Reaching for the Stars: A Foundation of Hope for Children with Cerebral Palsy.

Senate Resolution No. 1868 was sponsored by Senator Carolyn McGinn.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*