

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 290

Reps. Breen, Bezotte, Bollin and Hill offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare July 2024 as Cleft and Craniofacial  
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Cleft lip and cleft palate are birth defects that  
4 occur when a baby's lip or mouth do not form properly before birth.  
5 Together, these birth defects are commonly called "orofacial  
6 clefts" or "oral clefts" (OFCs). Affecting 1-2 per 1,000 newborns,  
7 together they are among the more common birth defects and the most  
8 common affecting the face; and

9           Whereas, Without proper medical intervention, the quality of  
10 life for these children are negatively impacted. Children with  
11 orofacial clefts frequently have problems with feeding and talking.

1 They might also have frequent ear infections, hearing loss, and  
2 problems with their teeth. These children usually require one or  
3 more surgeries early in life, as well as special feeding  
4 techniques, orthodontic care and/or speech therapy; now, therefore,  
5 be it

6       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
7 this legislative body declare July 2024 as Cleft and Craniofacial  
8 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.