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1 **Relating to:** proclaiming February 7 to 14, 2010, as Congenital Heart Defect
2 Awareness Week.

3 Whereas, congenital heart defects are the most frequently occurring birth
4 defect and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

5 Whereas, over a million families across America are facing the challenges and
6 hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects; and

7 Whereas, every year approximately 40,000 babies are born in the United States
8 with congenital heart defects; and

9 Whereas, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or
10 years after birth; and

11 Whereas, undiagnosed congenital heart conditions cause many cases of sudden
12 cardiac death in young athletes; and

13 Whereas, despite these statistics, newborns and young athletes are not
14 routinely screened for congenital heart defects; and

