

House Resolution 1582

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Silcox of the 52nd, Rynders of the 152nd, Henson of the 86th, and Howard of the 124th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March, 2018, as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) Awareness
2 Month at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected
4 death of a child over the age of 12 months which remains unexplained after a thorough case
5 investigation is conducted, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the
6 death scene, and review of the child's medical history; and

7 WHEREAS, each year there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States in
8 children between the ages of one and 19, including more than 200 children under the age of
9 five who die without any clear cause or explanation; and

10 WHEREAS, while less common than Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), which occurs
11 before a child's first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern deserving of increased
12 public awareness and research; and

13 WHEREAS, SUDC is the fifth leading cause of death among toddlers and, at the present
14 time, there is no way to prevent SUDC as its cause is unknown; and

15 WHEREAS, it is hoped that future research will identify means by which SUDC can be
16 prevented; and

17 WHEREAS, we recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDC
18 Foundation, medical professionals, and volunteers who are working to better understand the
19 causes of sudden unexplained death, improve the health of infants and children, and provide
20 much needed hope and support for those families grieving the heartbreaking sudden
21 unexplained death of a child; and

22 WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month provides an
23 opportunity to honor the memory of young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement
24 and support for the families and loved ones forever devastated by their loss, and increase
25 public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize March, 2018, as Sudden Unexplained Death in
28 Childhood (SUDC) Awareness Month at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 public and the press.