House Resolution No. 24

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WHEREAS, Sudden unexplained death in childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages of 1 and 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy; and

WHEREAS, Each year there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States, including more than 200 younger children between one and four years of age, inclusive, who die without any clear cause or explanation; and

WHEREAS, While less common than sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness and research; and

House Resolution No. 24—Relative to Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.
WHEREAS, SUDC is the fifth leading category of death among
children between one and four years of age, inclusive, in the United
States; and
WHEREAS, There currently is no way to predict or prevent
SUDC as its cause is unknown; and
WHEREAS, It is hoped that future research will identify means
by which SUDC can be prevented; and
WHEREAS, We recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations,
including the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals,
medicolegal death investigators, and volunteers who are working
to better understand the causes of SUDC, improve the health of
infants and children, and provide much-needed hope and support
for those families grieving the heartbreaking sudden, unexplained
death of a child; and
WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood
Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory
of the young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement and
support for the families and loved ones devastated by their loss,
and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search
for answers; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the
Assembly recognizes March 2021 as Sudden Unexplained Death
in Childhood Awareness Month; and be it further
Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.