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3           *Whereas, House Enrolled Act 1448 (2015) was deemed*  
4 *"The Jennifer Act" to memorialize Jennifer Reynolds after she*  
5 *passed away from an accidental prescription drug overdose;*

6           *Whereas, The Act received unanimous approval in both*  
7 *chambers of the Indiana General Assembly before it was signed*  
8 *into law by Governor Pence on May 4, 2015;*

9           *Whereas, Provisions in the bill touched on educating*  
10 *judges, prosecutors, and public defenders on the use of*  
11 *diversion and other probationary programs, medication*  
12 *assisted treatment options, and civil commitment options in*  
13 *cases involving persons with addictive disorders;*

14           *Whereas, The Jennifer Act also allowed inpatient substance*  
15 *abuse detoxification services to be provided under Medicaid;*

16           *Whereas, The Act remains a critical piece of the*  
17 *conversation in trying to prevent accidental overdose deaths*  
18 *because many Hoosiers still struggle with addictive disorders;*  
19 *and*

20           *Whereas, Jennifer Reynolds's story reminds us of the*  
21 *importance of each life and the work that is yet to be done to*  
22 *address addiction issues in our communities: Therefore,*



1                   *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
2                   *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

3                   SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges  
4                   continued recognition of The Jennifer Act as a way to combat  
5                   addiction in Hoosier communities.

6                   SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
7                   to distribute a copy of this Resolution to Sharon Blair, mother  
8                   of Jennifer Reynolds and advocate for The Jennifer Act.

