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Hope and Light Foundation Gains Federal Lawmakers Attention

Atlanta, GA - The Hope and Light Foundation is recognized by Congress for its enduring commitment to eliminating Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), the number one genetic killer of babies. Representative Tom Price (GA-06-R) spoke before the U.S. House of Representatives praising the Foundation's accomplishments and goals.

"This is a significant acknowledgement of our work. We thank Congressman Price for believing in and supporting our mission," said co-founder and President of the Hope and Light Foundation, Stephanie Miller.

In his Congressional speech, Price highlighted an FDA approved clinical drug trial for SMA Type I children funded in part by the Hope and Light Foundation as well as the organization's work in organizing a Southeastern conference dedicated to research and care for SMA patients. Price's acknowledgment of the Foundation is now part of the official Congressional record. The Congressman recently presented a copy of the record to Hope and Light Foundation board members at his Marietta office.

About SMA: Spinal Muscular Atrophy is the number one genetic killer of babies and children under the age of two. SMA is a genetic, motor neuron disease caused by mutations in a single gene. The mutation causes a loss of motor neurons in the spinal cord and the wasting away of a child's muscle control and strength. An estimated seven and half-million Americans carry the gene for this deadly inherited infant disease. If a carrier has a child with another carrier, there is a one in four chance their child will be born with SMA. The incidence rate is 1 in every 6,000 births.

About the Hope and Light Foundation: Hope and Light Foundation is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization founded in 2004 dedicated to finding a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). Through faith, hope, and love, the Hope and Light Foundation endeavors to eliminate Spinal Muscular Atrophy, empower our community, and create a foundation stone upon which cures for all childhood genetic diseases can be built. The Foundation is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information about The Hope and Light Foundation, visit www.hopeandlight.org

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