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S. RES. 231

Expressing support for the designation of May 17, 2021, as “DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day” to raise awareness of and encourage research on diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors and pediatric cancers in general.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2021

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. REED, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mrs. FISCHER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (referred to in this preamble as “DIPG”) tumors regularly affect 130 to 300 children in the United States each year;

Whereas brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death among children;

Whereas DIPG tumors are the leading cause of pediatric brain cancer deaths;

Whereas, with respect to a child who is diagnosed with a DIPG tumor and receives treatment for a DIPG tumor, the median amount of time that the child survives after diagnosis is only 9 months;

Whereas, with respect to an individual who is diagnosed with a DIPG tumor, the rate of survival 5 years after diagnosis is approximately 2 percent;

Whereas the average age at which a child is diagnosed with a DIPG tumor is between 5 and 10 years, resulting in a life expectancy approximately 70 years shorter than the average life expectancy in the United States; and

Whereas the prognosis for children diagnosed with DIPG tumors has not improved over the past 50 years: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports—

3 (A) designating May 17, 2021, as “DIPG
4 Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day”; and

5 (B) efforts to—

6 (i) better understand diffuse intrinsic
7 pontine glioma tumors;

8 (ii) develop effective treatments for
9 diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors;

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11 (iii) provide comprehensive care for
12 children with diffuse intrinsic pontine
13 glioma tumors and their families; and

1 (2) encourages all individuals in the United
2 States to become more informed about—

3 (A) diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tu-
4 mors;

5 (B) pediatric brain cancer in general; and

6 (C) challenges relating to research on pedi-
7 atric cancers and ways to advance such re-
8 search.

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