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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Nearly 87,000 people in the United States will be
3 diagnosed with a primary brain tumor this year; and

4 WHEREAS, Brain tumors are the leading cause of death from
5 cancer in children and teens under the age of 19; and

6 WHEREAS, The five-year relative survival rate in the United
7 States following diagnosis of a primary malignant brain and
8 spinal tumor is only 35 percent; and

9 WHEREAS, Almost 18,000 people in the United States will
10 lose their battle with a brain tumor this year; and

11 WHEREAS, Brain tumors may be either malignant or benign but
12 can be life-threatening in either case; and

13 WHEREAS, Nearly 700,000 people in the United States are
14 currently living with a brain tumor; and

15 WHEREAS, Treatment of brain tumors is complicated by the
16 fact that there are over 120 different types of tumors; and

17 WHEREAS, The treatment and removal of brain tumors present
18 significant challenges because of the brain's uniquely complex

1 and fragile nature; and

2 WHEREAS, Brain tumors affect the primary organ in the human
3 body that not only controls cognitive ability but the actions
4 of every other organ and limb in the body, leading to a tumor
5 of the brain being described as a disease that affects the
6 essence of self; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2008, the United States House of
8 Representatives passed H. Res. 1124, establishing the month of
9 May as National Brain Tumor Awareness Month; and

10 WHEREAS, Brain tumor research is supported by a number of
11 private nonprofit research foundations and by institutes at the
12 National Institutes of Health, including the National Cancer
13 Institute and the National Institute for Neurological
14 Disorders and Stroke; and

15 WHEREAS, Basic research advances may fuel the research and
16 development of new treatments; and

17 WHEREAS, Daunting obstacles to the development of new
18 treatments still remain, and there are no strategies for
19 screening or early detection of brain tumors; and

20 WHEREAS, Despite the number of people diagnosed with a

1 brain tumor every year and their devastating prognoses, there
2 remains a need for the development of new and effective
3 therapies to treat brain tumors; and

4 WHEREAS, There is a need for greater public awareness of
5 brain tumors, including the difficulties associated with
6 research on these tumors and the opportunities for advances in
7 brain tumor research and treatment; and

8 WHEREAS, May 2019, when brain tumor advocates nationwide
9 unite in awareness, outreach, and advocacy activities, is an
10 appropriate month to be recognized as Brain Tumor Awareness
11 Month; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 2019 as
14 Brain Tumor Awareness Month in the State of Illinois; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That we encourage increased public awareness of
17 brain tumors to honor those who have lost their lives to this
18 devastating disease or are currently living with a brain tumor
19 diagnosis, to support efforts to develop better treatments for
20 brain tumors that will improve the quality of life and the
21 long-term prognosis of those individuals diagnosed with a brain
22 tumor, to express our support for those individuals who are

1 battling brain tumors, as well as their families, friends, and
2 caregivers, and to urge increased research in all sectors to
3 advance knowledge and treatment for this disease.