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Expressing support for the designation of May 2021 as "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month".

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of May 2021 as "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month".

Whereas more than an estimated 84,000 individuals will be diagnosed with a primary brain tumor in the United States in 2021, and an estimated 87,240 individuals in the United States were diagnosed with a primary brain tumor in 2020;

Whereas in the United States, brain tumors are the—

(1) leading cause of death from cancer in children who are under 14 years of age and teens who are under 19 years of age; and

(2) third leading cause of death from cancer in young adults who are between 20 and 39 years of age;

Whereas the average 5-year survival rate for an individual in the United States following the diagnosis of a primary malignant brain tumor is only 36 percent;

Whereas it is estimated that 18,600 individuals in the United States will die as a result of a malignant brain tumor in 2021;

Whereas brain tumors may be malignant or benign but can be life-threatening in either case;

Whereas, as of the date of introduction of this resolution, approximately 700,000 individuals in the United States are living with a brain tumor;

Whereas treatment of brain tumors is complicated by the fact that more than 130 types of brain tumors exist;

Whereas the treatment and removal of brain tumors present significant challenges due to the uniquely complex and fragile nature of the brain;

Whereas brain tumors affect the primary organ in the human body that controls not only cognitive ability, but the actions of every other organ and limb in the body, leading to brain tumors being described as a disease that affects the whole individual;

Whereas brain tumor research is supported by a number of private, nonprofit research foundations and by Federal medical research institutions;

Whereas basic research may fuel advancements and development of new treatments for brain tumors;

Whereas obstacles to the development of new treatments for brain tumors remain, and there are limited strategies for the screening or early detection of brain tumors;

Whereas, despite the high number of individuals diagnosed
with a brain tumor every year and the devastating prog-
noses for those individuals, only 5 drugs and 1 medical
device are approved by the Food and Drug Administra-
tion to treat brain tumors;

Whereas the mortality rates associated with brain tumors
have changed little during the 30-year period preceding
the date of introduction of this resolution;

Whereas there is a need for greater public awareness of brain
tumors, including the difficulties associated with research
on brain tumors and the opportunities for advances in
brain tumor research and treatment; and

Whereas May 2021, during which brain tumor advocates na-
tionwide unite in awareness, outreach, and advocacy ac-
tivities, is an appropriate month to recognize as ''Na-
tional Brain Tumor Awareness Month'': Now, therefore,
be it

1 *Resolved,* That the House of Representatives—

2 　　(1) supports the designation of ''National Brain

3 Tumor Awareness Month'';

4 　　(2) encourages increased public awareness of

5 brain tumors to honor the individuals who have lost

6 their lives to a brain tumor or currently live with a

7 brain tumor diagnosis;

8 　　(3) supports efforts to develop better treat-

9 ments for brain tumors that will improve the quality

10 of life and the long-term prognoses of individuals di-

11 agnosed with a brain tumor;

1   (4) expresses its support for individuals who are

2   battling brain tumors, as well as the families,

3   friends, and caregivers of those individuals; and

4   (5) urges a collaborative approach to brain

5   tumor research, which is a promising means of ad-

6   vancing understanding of, and treatment for, brain

7   tumors.

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