

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Expressing support for the designation of May 17, 2024, 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

Mr. RUBIO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of May 17, 2024, 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.

Whereas diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (referred to in this preamble as “DIPG”) tumors regularly affect 200 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 approximately 11 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 meaningfully improved during the past 50 years: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports designating May 17, 2024, as
3 “DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day”;

4 (2) supports efforts—

5 (A) to better understand diffuse intrinsic
6 pontine glioma (referred to in this resolution as
7 “DIPG”) tumors;

8 (B) to develop effective treatments for
9 DIPG tumors; and

10 (C) to provide comprehensive care for chil-
11 dren with DIPG tumors and their families; and

12 (3) encourages all individuals in the United
13 States to become more informed about—

14 (A) DIPG tumors;

- 1 (B) pediatric brain cancer in general; and
- 2 (C) challenges relating to research on pedi-
- 3 atric cancers and ways to advance that re-
- 4 search.