Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1002

By: Provenzano and Roe of the House

and

Rader of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution to raise awareness and encourage research for diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma and pediatric cancers; and designating December 11 as Addie's Day.

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2012, Addalyn "Addie" Bourasaw was born; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2021, Addie Bourasaw was diagnosed with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG); and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2022, Addie Bourasaw passed away from her diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) brain tumor; and

WHEREAS, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) affects 200 to 400 children in the United States each year with certain regularity; and

WHEREAS, brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death in children; and

WHEREAS, DIPG is the second most common malignant brain tumor of childhood; and

WHEREAS, DIPG is the leading cause of childhood death due to brain tumors; and

WHEREAS, the median survival time is only nine (9) months postdiagnosis with treatment; and

WHEREAS, five-year survival is less than one percent (1%); and

WHEREAS, given the age at diagnosis and the average life expectancy, the number of life years lost annually because of DIPG is approximately twenty-four thousand (24,000) years of person life lost (calculated as the number of children diagnosed by average of male and female life expectancy from that median age, 300 x 80 = 24,000 years of person life lost annually); and

WHEREAS, prognosis has not improved for children with DIPG in more than forty (40) years; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for research for pediatric cancer should be increased to address the level of unmet medical need for this vulnerable population; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature designates the 11th day of December as "Addie's Day" to raise awareness and encourage research into cures for diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) and pediatric cancers in general.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the designation of the birthday of Addie Bourasaw, the 11th day of December, as "Addie's Day"; encourages all people of the United States to become more informed about diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) pediatric brain cancer, and the current challenges to the medical research system in designating sufficient research funding for pediatric cancers; supports expanded research to better understand DIPG, develop effective treatments, and provide comprehensive care for children with DIPG and their families; and encourages public and private sources of research funding to elevate their consideration of the mortality rate of a type of cancer, as well as the life-years lost, as significant factors to be considered during the grant application process.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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