

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 99

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas traumatic brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults in the United States;

Whereas at least 1.4 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury each year;

Whereas, each year, more than 80,000 of such Americans sustain permanent life-long disabilities from a traumatic brain injury, resulting in a life-altering experience that can include the most serious physical, cognitive, and emotional impairments;

Whereas every 21 seconds, one person in the United States sustains a traumatic brain injury;

Whereas at least 5.3 million Americans currently live with permanent disabilities resulting from a traumatic brain injury;

Whereas most cases of traumatic brain injury are preventable;

Whereas traumatic brain injuries cost the nation \$56.3 billion annually;

Whereas the lack of public awareness is so vast that traumatic brain injury is known in the disability community as the Nation's "silent epidemic";

Whereas the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month will work toward enhancing public awareness of traumatic brain injury; and

Whereas the Brain Injury Association of America has recognized March as Brain Injury Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes the life-altering impact traumatic
4 brain injury may have both on Americans living with
5 the resultant disabilities and on their families;

1 (2) recognizes the need for enhanced public
2 awareness of traumatic brain injury;

3 (3) supports the designation of an appropriate
4 month as National Brain Injury Awareness Month;
5 and

6 (4) encourages the President to issue a procla-
7 mation designating such a month.

Passed the House of Representatives May 3, 2006.

Attest:

Clerk.

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Expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and support for the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month.