

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 10, 2010, as "Pediatric Brain Tumor
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 4,030 children who are under 20
4 years of age are expected to be diagnosed with a primary benign
5 or malignant brain tumor in 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, Of these 4,030 children, 2,880 will be under 15
7 years of age and 1,150 will be between 15 and 19 years of age;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Brain tumors are the second most frequent malignancy
10 of childhood tumors and the most common of the solid tumors in
11 children; and

12 WHEREAS, Brain tumors are the second leading cause of cancer-
13 related deaths in children who are under 20 years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, Diagnosis of a brain tumor in a child has
15 overwhelming effects on a family; and

16 WHEREAS, Treatment of a brain tumor is oftentimes a lengthy
17 and painful process with no guarantees of being cured; and

18 WHEREAS, Parent support, patient support, sibling support and
19 financial support are a necessity when enduring the effects of

1 treatment; and

2 WHEREAS, Survival rates for children with brain tumors have
3 increased over the past 30 years but have left survivors with
4 lifelong side effects; and

5 WHEREAS, Children with brain tumors need the same
6 opportunities for social and educational growth where possible
7 to enhance their quality of life; and

8 WHEREAS, Increasing public awareness on the significance of
9 pediatric brain cancer and its effects is a critical component
10 in the fight to find a cure; and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the Kyla Miller
12 Foundation, with an Internet website of
13 www.kylamillerfoundation.org, and supports the foundation's
14 efforts to increase awareness of pediatric brain cancer through
15 research funding and treatment options to improve survival rates
16 and the quality of life for those children and families affected
17 by brain tumors; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
19 10, 2010, as "Pediatric Brain Tumor Awareness Day" in
20 Pennsylvania.