**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF MAY 2022 AS “BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO LEND THEIR TALENTS TO SUPPORT THE LIFESAVING RESEARCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH.

Whereas, according to federal statistics, some 24,540 people in the United States were expected to be diagnosed with brain cancer and other nervous system cancers in 2021 to make up a portion of 85,000 expected brain tumors. The National Cancer Institute’s Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program estimated that some 18,600 people in the United States would die from brain and other nervous‑system cancers in 2021; and

Whereas, the many types of brain and spinal cord tumors are formed by the abnormal growth of cells, which may be either benign or malignant. Benign brain and spinal cord tumors grow and press on nearby areas of the brain, rarely spreading into other tissues, and may recur; and

Whereas, malignant brain and spinal cord tumors are likely to grow quickly and spread into other brain tissue. When a tumor does grow into or press on an area of the brain, it may stop that part of the brain from working the way it should; and

Whereas, both benign and malignant brain tumors produce signs and symptoms which require treatment; and

Whereas, tumors that start in the brain, primary brain tumors, may spread to other parts of the brain or to the spine, but rarely spread to other parts of the body. Metastatic brain tumors are tumors found in the brain that have started somewhere else in the body and spread to one or more parts of the brain; and

Whereas, metastatic brain tumors, about half of which are from lung cancer, are more common than primary brain tumors; and

Whereas, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) recognized several researchers for their work in the field of brain cancers in 2020. Nicholas A. Graham at the University of Southern California received the AACR‑Bayer Innovation and Discovery Grant. Dimitrios Mathios at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine received the AACR‑Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO Young Investigator Award for Translational Cancer Research. Karisa C. Schreck at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine received the AACR‑PLGA Fund at the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Research Grant to Optimize Drug Dosing Strategies for Pediatric LGA/LGG Patients; and

Whereas, Carsten Hagemann at Universitätsklinikum Würzburg, David D. Tran at the University of Florida, Christopher Douglas Willey at The University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Sandeep Mittal at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) each received the AACR‑Novocure Tumor Treating Fields Research Grant; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives encourages all of the citizens of the Palmetto State to learn how they can become advocates for cancer research, participate in events to raise awareness, volunteer their time, and share their story of how cancer has affected their life. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize the month of May 2022 as “Brain Cancer Awareness Month” in the State of South Carolina and encourage all South Carolinians to lend their talents to support the lifesaving research of the American Association for Cancer Research.

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