

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 259

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Kids Join the Fight for its efforts to defeat pediatric cancer

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Kids Join the Fight for its efforts to defeat pediatric cancer.

3 WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight was founded by Taylor and Angel Beery along with  
4 their late son, Walker, after he was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma, a very rare and  
5 aggressive pediatric brain cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Walker inspired and amazed his family, his doctors, and all who had  
7 the privilege of encountering him with his infectious courage and gratefulness throughout  
8 all of his surgeries, hospital stays, and radiation and chemotherapy treatments; Kids Join the  
9 Fight was born from his relentless desire to help other children battling cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight aims to invigorate the superpowers of children and  
11 raise money to help defeat pediatric cancer; the money raised through the movement is given  
12 to fund global research for pediatric cancer and to provide the local support services and care  
13 so desperately needed by pediatric cancer patients and their families; and

14 WHEREAS, in its first six months, Kids Join the Fight raised over \$1 million, and  
15 it is nearing \$3 million in total pledges as it approaches the end of its first year; the charity  
16 organization held events in all fifty states in 2022, including one in New Orleans that was  
17 attended by hundreds of children; and

18 WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight has used the donations received to provide grant  
19 funding for pediatric cancer treatment research; the charity has awarded grants to  
20 Dr. Mohamed Abdelbaki of Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Thomas De Raedt of  
21 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Patrick Gunning of the Governing Council of the

1 University of Toronto, Dr. Rintaro Hashizume of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital  
2 of Chicago, Dr. John Prensner of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Dr. Vijay Ramaswamy of  
3 Hospital for Sick Children, Dr. Adam Resnick of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and  
4 Dr. Maria Trissal of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; and

5 WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight is most deserving of the highest recognition for its  
6 inspiring mission to defeat pediatric cancer and for its incredible contributions to pediatric  
7 cancer research.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kids Join the Fight for its efforts to defeat  
10 pediatric cancer and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the movement continue to  
11 receive the support it needs to continue its inspiring work.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
13 Taylor and Angel Beery.

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