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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate May 9 annually as Louisiana Gray Day to increase awareness of brain cancer.

WHEREAS, an estimated one million Americans are living with a primary brain tumor; there are no known ways to prevent brain and central nervous system cancers; and

WHEREAS, brain cancer is one of the most incurable forms of cancer; brain cancer strikes men, women, and children of any race and any age and is the leading cause of cancer-related death in children under twenty; and

WHEREAS, data reported in 2023 indicates that approximately 59% of all brain tumors occur in females, 41% of all brain tumors occur in males, and 3.9% of all brain tumors cases diagnosed occur in children ages 0-14 years; and

WHEREAS, brain tumors are the leading cause of childhood cancer-related death among children ages 0-14, and the second leading cause of cancer-related death in children under age twenty; and

WHEREAS, brain cancer can have more life-altering psychological, cognitive, behavioral, and physical effects than other cancers; there are about 230 cancer deaths per year among persons in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized nationally as brain cancer awareness month; Louisiana recognizes May 9 each year as Louisiana Gray Day to help bring greater awareness to this cancer and perhaps prevent some brain cancer-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is the only state with an annual day for brain cancer awareness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 9 annually as Louisiana Gray Day to increase awareness of brain cancer and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the efforts to help bring awareness to brain cancer result in better health outcomes for individuals battling brain cancer.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE