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## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging support for pediatric brain tumor research.

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

4 WHEREAS, The most common form of childhood brain tumors is  
5 pediatric low-grade astrocytoma (PLGA), a slow growing,  
6 potentially fatal tumor; and

7 WHEREAS, PLGAs account for one-third of pediatric brain  
8 tumors; and

9 WHEREAS, PLGAs remain significantly underresearched, and  
10 first-line treatment has remained unchanged for over 25 years;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The diagnosis of brain tumors in children has an  
13 overwhelming effect on families; and

14 WHEREAS, Treatment of a brain tumor is oftentimes a lengthy

1 and painful process with no guarantee of being cured; and

2 WHEREAS, Parent support, patient support, sibling support and  
3 financial support are a necessity when enduring the effects of  
4 treatment; and

5 WHEREAS, Survival rates for children with brain tumors have  
6 increased over the past 30 years, but survivors are left with  
7 lifelong side effects; and

8 WHEREAS, To enhance the quality of life children with brain  
9 tumors need the same opportunities for social and educational  
10 growth as other children; and

11 WHEREAS, Increasing public awareness of the significance and  
12 effects of pediatric brain tumors is a critical component in the  
13 fight to find a cure; and

14 WHEREAS, Why Not Me, Inc., is a nonprofit organization  
15 established to support research and raise awareness of brain  
16 tumors in young people, in particular, research that will lead  
17 to a cure for PLGAs; and

18 WHEREAS, Why Not Me, Inc., and similar organizations deserve  
19 recognition for their efforts to increase awareness of the need  
20 for pediatric brain tumor research; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage support  
22 for pediatric brain tumor research and call upon residents of  
23 this Commonwealth to promote awareness of pediatric brain  
24 tumors, foster an understanding of the impact of pediatric brain  
25 tumors and take an active role in the fight to end pediatric  
26 brain tumors.