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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2018 as "Childhood Brain Stem  
2 Glioma Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and designating  
3 November 11, 2018, as "Jax Stone Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Brain stem glioma is a disease in which a tumor  
5 occurs on the brain stem, which is the area of the brain that  
6 controls the body's breathing, heart rate and muscles used in  
7 seeing, hearing, walking, talking and eating; and

8 WHEREAS, Brain stem glioma accounts for approximately 15% of  
9 all childhood brain tumors and occurs mostly in children between  
10 5 and 10 years of age; and

11 WHEREAS, There is no known cause of most childhood brain  
12 tumors, which may be benign or malignant; and

13 WHEREAS, Some of the symptoms associated with brain stem  
14 glioma include loss of balance, difficulty walking, headaches,  
15 weakness and fatigue, vision problems, nausea, vomiting and  
16 unusual sleepiness or changes in energy level; and

1       WHEREAS, Because brain stem glioma occurs in a vitally  
2 important area of the brain, treatment and surgical options are  
3 often dangerous and limited; and

4       WHEREAS, The prognosis for children suffering from brain stem  
5 glioma is dependent on the type and location of the tumor; and

6       WHEREAS, Most children do not survive more than one year  
7 following a diagnosis; and

8       WHEREAS, More research is needed to discover the cause of  
9 brain stem glioma and develop more effective treatments for  
10 children diagnosed with the disease, like Jax Stone; and

11       WHEREAS, Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on November 11, 2004,  
12 Jax was the son of Sean Stone and Tara Braendel Durian; and

13       WHEREAS, Despite his challenging diagnosis, Jax displayed a  
14 tremendous amount of courage and in 2014, he was awarded the  
15 local "Good Kid of the Year" award for the bravery and  
16 compassion he showed toward others in his community; and

17       WHEREAS, The business community in Erie rallied around Jax  
18 and his family throughout his fight with brain stem glioma by  
19 designating "Jax Stone Week" to raise funds for medical, travel  
20 and funeral expenses; and

21       WHEREAS, Jax Stone passed away on July 27, 2014, at his  
22 residence in Erie following a difficult battle with malignant  
23 brain stem glioma; and

24       WHEREAS, Jax is remembered by his family and community for  
25 his kindness, bravery and selflessness during his fight with  
26 brain stem glioma; therefore be it

27       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
28 month of November 2018 as "Childhood Brain Stem Glioma Awareness  
29 Month" in Pennsylvania to inform the public about childhood  
30 brain stem glioma and to support all individuals affected by

1 this disease; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
3 November 11, 2018, as "Jax Stone Day" in Pennsylvania to honor  
4 one individual who passed away from the disease at a young age,  
5 but was courageous and resilient in his fight.