

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 679

WHEREAS, A traumatic brain injury occurs every 23 seconds in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injuries can have debilitating effects on brain functionality, including thinking, reasoning, memory, and communication; and

WHEREAS, Those who suffer traumatic brain injuries may face years of rehabilitation, therapy, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, The families, friends, co-workers, and communities of those who suffer traumatic brain injuries suffer alongside the victims of the actual injuries; and

WHEREAS, Life may never be the same for an individual who has suffered a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, A concussion is a type of brain injury that can interrupt the regular function of the brain; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 3.8 million sports-related and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 135,000 sports-related and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries occur among children ages five to 18 each year; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to increase prevention and early diagnosis require raising awareness about the causes, symptoms, and effects of traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, The month of March has been designated as Brain Injury Awareness Month in order to further the Brain Injury Association's ongoing commitment to advocacy and education regarding concussions and other traumatic brain injuries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize the month of March, 2011, as Brain Injury Awareness Month in Texas in an effort to raise awareness of traumatic brain injury among all Texans, particularly among those most at risk for suffering this serious and potentially life-altering injury; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in recognition of Brain Injury Awareness Month.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 31, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate