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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day is
2 taking place on May 17, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Each year, hundreds of children in the United States
4 are diagnosed with DIPG, a devastating and highly aggressive type
5 of childhood brain tumor; and

6 WHEREAS, Most commonly found in children between the ages of
7 five and nine, DIPG represents 10 to 20 percent of all pediatric
8 brain tumors and is the leading cause of childhood death due to
9 brain tumors; because the condition is difficult to treat, the
10 prognosis for patients with DIPG remains very poor, with a median
11 survival of just nine months from the time of diagnosis; and

12 WHEREAS, On December 10, 2016, Brock Hunter Fleming of Round
13 Rock lost his battle with DIPG at the age of seven; in response to
14 Brock's story and the experiences of other young people whose lives
15 were cut short by this terrible form of cancer, a coalition of
16 patient advocates across the state is taking action to raise
17 awareness of DIPG in conjunction with Brain Tumor Awareness Month
18 in May; and

19 WHEREAS, Developing effective treatment is crucial to giving
20 children with DIPG hope for the future, and Diffuse Intrinsic
21 Pontine Glioma Awareness Day provides a welcome opportunity to
22 promote education about the condition and to encourage support for
23 additional research; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize May 17, 2017, as Diffuse Intrinsic
2 Pontine Glioma Awareness Day in memory of Brock Hunter Fleming and
3 commend all those throughout the Lone Star State who are working in
4 behalf of the children and families who have been affected by the
5 disease.