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H. CON. RES. 265

Expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of Traumatic Brain Injury and support for the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. ROSS, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BERRY, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. SPRATT, and Mr. PAYNE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of Traumatic Brain Injury and support for the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month.

Whereas Traumatic Brain Injury is the leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults in the United States;

Whereas at least 5.3 million Americans currently live with permanent disabilities resulting from a Traumatic Brain Injury;

Whereas at least 1.5 million Americans sustain a Traumatic Brain Injury each year;

Whereas, each year, another 80,000 Americans sustain life-long disabilities from a Traumatic Brain Injury, resulting in a life-altering experience that can include the most serious physical, cognitive, and emotional impairments;

Whereas every 21 seconds, one person in the United States sustains a Traumatic Brain Injury;

Whereas Traumatic Brain Injuries cost the nation \$48.3 billion annually, consisting of \$31.7 billion for hospitalization expenditures and \$16.6 billion for fatal brain injury expenditures;

Whereas the lack of public awareness is so vast that Traumatic Brain Injury is known in the disability community as the Nation's "silent epidemic";

Whereas the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month will work towards enhancing the public awareness of Traumatic Brain Injury;

Whereas former President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the month of October 1984 as National Head Injury Awareness Month; and

Whereas the Brain Injury Association of America has recognized October as Brain Injury Awareness Month since 1980: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress

3 (1) recognizes the life-altering impact Trau-
4 matic Brain Injury may have on both Americans liv-
5 ing with the resultant disabilities and on their fami-
6 lies;

1 (2) recognizes the need for enhanced public
2 awareness of Traumatic Brain Injury;

3 (3) supports the designation of an appropriate
4 month as National Brain Injury Awareness Month;
5 and

6 (4) encourages the President to issue a procla-
7 mation designating such a month.

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