ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1126

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A Resolution recognizing volunteers who work with survivors of traumatic brain injuries.

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury (TBI) is an increasing problem in the United States because of the number of survivors who suffer long-term consequences; and

WHEREAS, families of those who have suffered a TBI struggle to make their lives as close to normal as possible; and

WHEREAS, a total of 32,267 persons suffered a TBI in Oklahoma between 1992 and 2001, for an average annual rate of 98.1 per 100,000 population; and

WHEREAS, an average of 873 persons died from a TBI each year during that same time period; and

WHEREAS, persons 15-24 years of age and 65 years and older accounted for the highest number of injuries; and

WHEREAS, the main causes of TBI are motor vehicle crashes, falls, gunshot injuries, assaults, sports and pedestrian injuries; and

WHEREAS, many survivors have short- or long-term limitations or disabilities such as cognitive problems, hearing, vision and/or speech deficits, physical limitations or behavior problems; and

WHEREAS, it is known that people can continue to improve and experience positive changes years after their injury which are both behavioral and biological; and

WHEREAS, individuals with TBI have the potential to make continuous improvements in their lives for many years; and

WHEREAS, many people in the State of Oklahoma volunteer their time and talents to make a difference in the lives of people who have suffered a TBI by leading support groups and other activities that enable people to lead a life that is as close to normal as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives salutes the many volunteers who work to bring awareness to the issue of traumatic brain injuries and make a positive difference in the lives of persons who have suffered a TBI.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 18th day of May, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives