

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1002

By: Provenzano and Roe of the  
House

and

Rader of the Senate

7 A Concurrent Resolution to raise awareness and  
8 encourage research for diffuse intrinsic pontine  
9 glioma and pediatric cancers; and designating  
10 December 11 as Addie's Day.

11 WHEREAS, on December 11, 2012, Addalyn "Addie" Bourasaw was  
12 born; and

13 WHEREAS, on February 25, 2021, Addie Bourasaw was diagnosed  
14 with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG); and

15 WHEREAS, on April 3, 2022, Addie Bourasaw passed away from her  
16 diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) brain tumor; and

17 WHEREAS, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) affects 200 to  
18 400 children in the United States each year with certain regularity;  
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20 WHEREAS, brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related  
21 death in children; and

22 WHEREAS, DIPG is the second most common malignant brain tumor of  
23 childhood; and  
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1 WHEREAS, DIPG is the leading cause of childhood death due to  
2 brain tumors; and

3 WHEREAS, the median survival time is only nine (9) months  
4 postdiagnosis with treatment; and

5 WHEREAS, five-year survival is less than one percent (1%); and

6 WHEREAS, given the age at diagnosis and the average life  
7 expectancy, the number of life years lost annually because of DIPG  
8 is approximately twenty-four thousand (24,000) years of person life  
9 lost (calculated as the number of children diagnosed by average of  
10 male and female life expectancy from that median age,  $300 \times 80 =$   
11 24,000 years of person life lost annually); and

12 WHEREAS, prognosis has not improved for children with DIPG in  
13 more than forty (40) years; and

14 WHEREAS, federal funding for research for pediatric cancer  
15 should be increased to address the level of unmet medical need for  
16 this vulnerable population; and

17 WHEREAS, the Legislature designates the 11th day of December as  
18 "Addie's Day" to raise awareness and encourage research into cures  
19 for diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) and pediatric cancers in  
20 general.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
22 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
23 CONCURRING THEREIN:

1        THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the designation of the  
2 birthday of Addie Bourasaw, the 11th day of December, as "Addie's  
3 Day"; encourages all people of the United States to become more  
4 informed about diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) pediatric  
5 brain cancer, and the current challenges to the medical research  
6 system in designating sufficient research funding for pediatric  
7 cancers; supports expanded research to better understand DIPG,  
8 develop effective treatments, and provide comprehensive care for  
9 children with DIPG and their families; and encourages public and  
10 private sources of research funding to elevate their consideration  
11 of the mortality rate of a type of cancer, as well as the life-years  
12 lost, as significant factors to be considered during the grant  
13 application process.

14        Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of April,  
15 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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