

SENATE RESOLUTION  
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By Senators Kilmer, Honeyford, Weinstein, Kauffman and Haugen

WHEREAS, Traumatic Brain Injuries have impacted 5.3 million American citizens who now live with resulting disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Every 21 seconds one person in the United States sustains a Traumatic Brain Injury, equaling roughly 4,000 people daily and 1.5 million people annually; and

WHEREAS, Out of the 1.5 million people annually who sustain Traumatic Brain Injuries, 50,000 of them will die, while an additional 80,000 will experience the onset of life-long disabilities as a result of their brain injury; and

WHEREAS, Traumatic Brain Injuries occur more frequently than Multiple Sclerosis, spinal cord injuries, HIV/AIDS, and breast cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, In Washington State, Traumatic Brain Injury patients constitute 10 percent of the state's population of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, There is no cure for Traumatic Brain Injuries, only prevention; and

WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of America has created a partnership with the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Defense Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program for veterans and military personnel, the Washington Protection and Advocacy System, and the Brain Injury Association of Washington, that strives to provide a better future for TBI patients through prevention, research, education, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, The Traumatic Brain Injury advocacy groups mentioned above have recognized and declared the month of March 2007 National Brain Injury Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, March 2007 marks the 25th anniversary of the Brain Injury Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor the work of these organizations in their efforts to combat Traumatic Brain Injuries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor these organizations and the victims of Traumatic Brain Injury during the month of March, National Brain Injury Awareness Month.