

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 259

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Kids Join the Fight for its efforts to defeat pediatric cancer.

WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight was founded by Taylor and Angel Beery along with their late son, Walker, after he was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma, a very rare and aggressive pediatric brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, Walker inspired and amazed his family, his doctors, and all who had the privilege of encountering him with his infectious courage and gratefulness throughout all of his surgeries, hospital stays, and radiation and chemotherapy treatments; Kids Join the Fight was born from his relentless desire to help other children battling cancer; and

WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight aims to invigorate the superpowers of children and raise money to help defeat pediatric cancer; the money raised through the movement is given to fund global research for pediatric cancer and to provide the local support services and care so desperately needed by pediatric cancer patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, in its first six months, Kids Join the Fight raised over \$1 million, and it is nearing \$3 million in total pledges as it approaches the end of its first year; the charity organization held events in all fifty states in 2022, including one in New Orleans that was attended by hundreds of children; and

WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight has used the donations received to provide grant funding for pediatric cancer treatment research; the charity has awarded grants to Dr. Mohamed Abdelbaki of Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Thomas De Raedt of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Patrick Gunning of the Governing Council of the University of Toronto, Dr. Rintaro Hashizume of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Dr. John Prensner of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Dr. Vijay Ramaswamy of

Hospital for Sick Children, Dr. Adam Resnick of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Dr. Maria Trissal of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; and

WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight is most deserving of the highest recognition for its inspiring mission to defeat pediatric cancer and for its incredible contributions to pediatric cancer research.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kids Join the Fight for its efforts to defeat pediatric cancer and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the movement continue to receive the support it needs to continue its inspiring work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Taylor and Angel Beery.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES