ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 256

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Urges New Jersey members of Congress to join Congressional Brain Injury Task Force.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION urging New Jersey members of Congress to join Congressional Brain Injury Task Force.

WHEREAS, A traumatic brain injury (TBI) is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head that disrupts the normal function of the brain. An acquired brain injury (ABI), on the other hand, occurs not from an external source, but rather an internal one. An individual may sustain an ABI as a result of various medical problems such as a stroke, brain aneurysm, or brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, An individual who suffers either a TBI or ABI can experience a disability ranging from minor to severe; and

WHEREAS, The lives of individuals who survive a brain injury can be undermined and compromised in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, Elected officials at all levels of government can serve and support those who have survived brain injuries; and

WHEREAS, In the United States Congress, there is a task force known as the "Congressional Brain Injury Task Force." The task force works to increase awareness of brain injuries in the United States, supports research initiatives for rehabilitation and potential cures, and addresses the effects such injuries have on families, children, education, and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, The Congressional Brain Injury Task Force was founded by New Jersey Congressman William J. Pascrell, Jr. The task force is currently co-chaired by Congressman Pascrell, a Democrat, and Congressman Don Bacon, a Republican from the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, There are residents from every congressional district in the State living with long-term disabilities as a result of brain injuries; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that people with brain injuries are effectively represented and served in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Membership in the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force is a means by which each member of the United States Congress elected from this State can be adequately educated about brain injury issues and, thus, increase their capacity to effectively represent and serve constituents impacted by brain injury; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. This House respectfully urges each current and future member of the United States Congress elected from this State to join the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force to effectively represent constituents with brain injuries.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to each member of the United States Congress elected from this State.

STATEMENT

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