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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging New Jersey members of Congress
2 to join Congressional Brain Injury Task Force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 **WHEREAS**, There are residents from every congressional district in the
28 State living with long-term disabilities as a result of brain injuries;
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30 **WHEREAS**, It is imperative that people with brain injuries are
31 effectively represented and served in the United States Congress;
32 and

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

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40 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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

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

STATEMENT

This resolution 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.

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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. 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.

There are residents from every congressional district in the State living with long-term disabilities as a result of brain injuries. It is imperative that people with brain injuries are effectively represented and served in the United States Congress. 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.