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**H. C. R. No. 8**

**Representative Stinziano  
Cosponsor: Representative O'Brien**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Declaring March 2011 as Brain Injury Awareness Month 1  
in Ohio.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The members of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio 2  
are pleased to designate the month of March 2011 as Brain Injury 3  
Awareness Month in Ohio; and 4

WHEREAS, Traumatic Brain Injury is not degenerative or 5  
congenital in nature, but it is rather caused by an external 6  
physical force or other medical conditions, including strokes, 7  
aneurysms, and brain tumors, that produces a diminished or altered 8  
state of consciousness. TBI may result in impairments of cognitive 9  
abilities, physical functioning, disturbance of behavioral and/or 10  
emotional functioning, and even death. According to the Brain 11  
Injury Association of America, 1.5 million people sustain a 12  
traumatic brain injury each year, an estimated 5.3 Americans 13  
currently live with disabilities resulting from a traumatic brain 14  
injury, and more than 50,000 people die each year as a result of 15  
TBI; and 16

WHEREAS, In an effort to reduce the incidences of brain 17  
injuries, it is imperative that Ohioans educate themselves on ways 18

to prevent such injuries from occurring and seek immediate 19  
treatment if they do. Widespread public support is needed to 20  
understand traumatic brain injuries, find cures, and provide 21  
access to available life-saving therapies. The Ohio Brain Injury 22  
Association of Ohio is helping this cause by providing advocacy, 23  
education, and research to prevent occurrences and improve 24  
diagnosis and treatment; and 25

WHEREAS, The future of our state and nation is, to a large 26  
measure, dependent on the health of our children and families, and 27  
good health can be achieved, in part, through responsible habits 28  
learned early and reinforced throughout life, including wearing a 29  
bike helmet and fastening a safety belt while in the car. Through 30  
heightened awareness and promotion of prevention practices, the 31  
prevalance of TBI can be greatly reduced; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 33  
of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, designate March 2011 as 34  
Brain Injury Awareness Month in the State of Ohio and encourage 35  
all citizens to learn about traumatic brain injuries and support 36  
those affected by them; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 38  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to and the 39  
Brain Injury Association of Ohio and the news media of Ohio. 40