

Advocacy Group Hosts Demonstration at the US Capitol for Dismissed Measure Supporting Children Facing A Cruel Death

The DIPG Awareness Resolution brings attention to children fighting for their lives; House leadership continues to dismiss them on a technicality.

SANTA CLARITA, CA, USA, November 1, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- DIPG Advocacy Group, a coalition of pediatric brain cancer foundations and individual childhood cancer advocates, formed in late 2017 expressly for the purpose of supporting the National

DIPG Awareness Resolution in the House of Representatives. Currently designated H. Res. 114, the resolution was first introduced in 2016, again in 2017, and finally in the 116th Congress on [February 8, 2019](#) by Jackie Speier (D-CA-14) and David Joyce (R-OH-14) to draw attention to DIPG, pediatric brain cancer, and the chronic lack of adequate funding into pediatric cancer research for effective treatments.

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Currently, the Resolution has the support of over 180 lawmakers signed as cosponsors, and the group's goal is to reach 218 cosponsors by December 1st as a point in their case to House leadership. “Sadly, we have to make the case that our children are a worthy exception to a rule in the House restricting due process for resolutions which designate a ‘commemorative’ day, because of excessive overuse in the 1990s. Only one exception has ever been made since then, in 2016 for Patriot's Day. All we are asking is for the acknowledgement of our Representatives

in Congress--our most direct representation in the federal government,” explains Janet Demeter, the group's founder, with Jack's Angels foundation in Agua Dulce, CA. “We're not asking them to change the rules, just to make an exception for these children in their most urgent need who



scheduled for consideration.” Demeter explains, “all we’re asking for is this consideration; these kids die a horrific death of suffering that is not necessary; we have the technology today unlike 58 years ago when Neil Armstrong’s daughter died of DIPG. People just don’t know. We’ve been a voiceless community, with families too devastated to conceive of hopeful advocacy. We’re told our children’s lives don’t matter enough for research funding and to ‘go make memories’. We’re asking our Members of Congress for help, and are grateful for the enormous show of support from so many Representatives, and from the Senate. If only the House leadership would just allow a pathway for it to have a moment.”

In its language, the simple [House Resolution](#) suggests that federal funding be increased for pediatric cancers in general, and that pediatric and high-mortality rate cancers be given greater consideration in the research grant process. For more information about this event, and registration, visit the events pages at dipgadvocacy.org on November 4, 2020 for updates.

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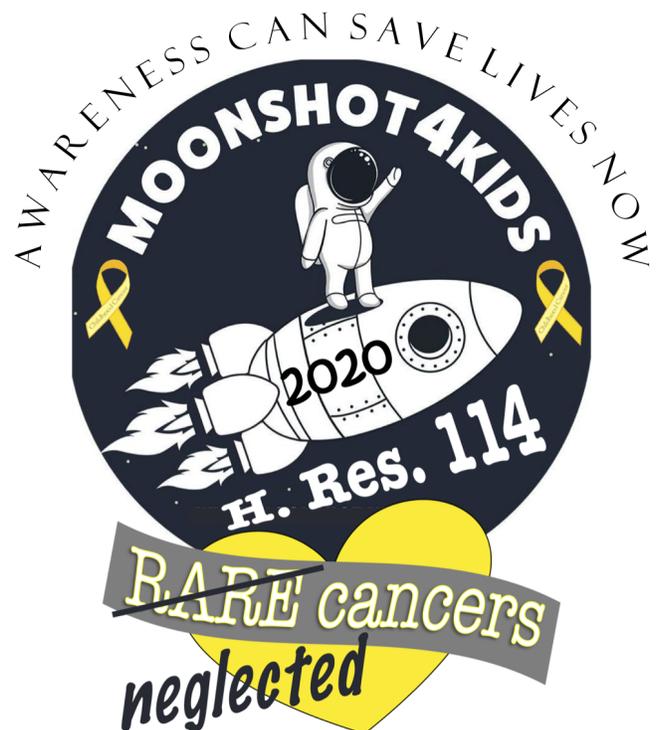
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