

Senate Resolution 291

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Goggans of the 7th, Unterman of the 45th, Mullis of the 53rd, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President and Congress of the United States to support legislative efforts to enact
2 the "National Childhood Brain Tumor Prevention Network Act of 2009"; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, tumors kill more children than any other disease, and brain tumors are the
5 second most common type of cancer in children; and

6 WHEREAS, childhood brain tumors are the leading cause of death from solid tumors in
7 children; and

8 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has recognized and defined new types of brain
9 tumors, many of which occur in children; and

10 WHEREAS, the causes of most childhood brain tumors are unknown, but it is clear that these
11 tumors have substantial costs for the affected children, their families, and society as a whole
12 and can result in death and the loss of many years of potential life; and

13 WHEREAS, the prognosis for most children suffering with brain tumors is dismal and
14 survivors face lasting adverse health effects; and

15 WHEREAS, because of the relatively low overall incidence of childhood brain tumors, such
16 tumors frequently do not receive sufficient attention and research funding; and

17 WHEREAS, no single institution has a sufficient number of patients to independently
18 conduct research that will adequately address the causes of childhood brain tumors; and

19 WHEREAS, there has been no comprehensive study analyzing all relevant clinical,
20 biological, and epidemiological aspects of childhood brain tumors to identify potential risk
21 factors and determine the cause of such tumors; and

22 WHEREAS, existing national cooperative clinical oncology groups primarily investigate
23 treatment options and prognosis and do not typically examine the origins of childhood brain
24 tumors or the risk factors associated with such tumors; and

25 WHEREAS, a significant majority of children with brain tumors are first treated by
26 neurosurgeons and not by the oncologists typically involved in such groups.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
28 GEORGIA that this body does hereby urge the Congress of the United States to enact and
29 the President sign to H.R. 653 and S. 305, creating the National Childhood Brain Tumor
30 Prevention Network.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Barack Obama, President
33 of the United States, and each member of the Georgia congressional delegation.