

By Senator Bennett

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2011 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, 100,000 Floridians annually sustain a traumatic brain injury, and

WHEREAS, more than 8,400 Floridians sustain permanent, life-long disabilities from a traumatic brain injury that results in a life-altering experience that may include serious physical, cognitive, and emotional impairments, and

WHEREAS, more than 210,000 Floridians currently live with permanent disabilities resulting from a traumatic brain injury, but the lack of public awareness is so vast that traumatic brain injury is known in the disability community as the "silent epidemic," and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury attributable to roadside bombs and blasts is the signature wound of the global War on Terror, and military personnel who return to Florida with traumatic brain injuries require additional state and local resources, and

WHEREAS, most cases of traumatic brain injury are preventable, and enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury is essential in preventing and developing effective treatment and providing necessary resources, and

WHEREAS, the Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc., has recognized March as "Brain Injury Awareness Month," NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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That March 2011 is recognized as "Brain Injury Awareness
Month" in Florida.