

Rep. Roberts offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 228.

A resolution to declare September 26, 2013, as Brain Injury Association of Michigan Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Brain injury and specifically, traumatic brain injury (TBI) has become recognized in recent years as one of the most significant chronic disease conditions that can potentially impact nearly every Michigan resident; and

Whereas, According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1.7 million Americans sustain a TBI each year that results in 52,000 deaths, 275,000 hospitalizations, and nearly 1.4 million emergency department visits. It is estimated that over 98,000 Michigan residents currently live with disabilities resulting from a TBI; and

Whereas, TBI's contribute to nearly a third or 30.5 percent of all injury-related deaths in the United States. Occurring every 23 seconds, this public health concern ranks as the leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has attained national recognition as a leading center of excellence in the field of brain injury treatment and rehabilitation as a result of the extensive number of rehabilitation centers, medical treatment facilities, care providers, programs, and professionals specializing in brain injury across the state; and

Whereas, The Brain Injury Association of Michigan, founded in 1981, serves as the primary conduit to resources for persons living with a brain injury, their families, and the treatment and rehabilitation professionals who serve them across the state; and

Whereas, The Brain Injury Association of Michigan has been dedicated to "creating a better future" through its mission "to improve the lives of those affected by brain injury and to reduce the incidence and impact of brain injury through education, advocacy, support, treatment services, and research; and

Whereas, The Association created one of the first educational brain injury conferences 33 years ago to provide education and support to persons with a brain injury, their family members, and professionals in the field of brain injury rehabilitation; and

Whereas, The Brain Injury Association of Michigan's fall conference has become recognized as the largest and the preeminent brain injury educational conference in the nation drawing 900 participants each day during the two-day conference; and

Whereas, The Association's fall conference attracts 146 exhibitors and provides 34 workshops divided among four tracks related to clinical, direct-care, research, and business-related workshops; as well as nationally recognized experts presenting at plenary sessions; and

Whereas, The Michigan Legislature desires to recognize and commend the Brain Injury Association of Michigan for its 33 years of service to the people of Michigan; and

Whereas, The Brain Injury Association of Michigan will be holding its 33rd annual conference on September 26 and 27, 2013; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 26, 2013, as Brain Injury Association of Michigan Day in the state of Michigan.