

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN AND SENATOR BARROW

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, April 30, 2019, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association recognizes that everyone who has a brain is at risk of developing Alzheimer's, a progressive brain disease that has no cure and is not a normal part of the aging process; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more people die of Alzheimer's disease than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, fewer than fifty percent of people with Alzheimer's disease report being told of their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, more than fifteen million Americans provide unpaid care for individuals with Alzheimer's or some other form of dementia; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than two hundred thirty-two thousand family caregivers in Louisiana provide two hundred sixty-four million hours of unpaid care for family members with Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the Alzheimer's Association has estimated that there are as many as eighty-five thousand citizens aged sixty-five and older who suffer from the disease; and

WHEREAS, studies predict that, by the year 2025, one hundred ten thousand Louisianians will be living with Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association, over fifty-seven percent of those aged forty-five and older experience memory loss that interferes with daily life; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Alzheimer's include difficulty remembering newly learned information; disorientation; mood and behavioral changes; deepening confusion about events, times, and places; unfounded suspicions about family, friends, and caregivers; and difficulty speaking, swallowing, and walking; and

WHEREAS, research is ongoing to uncover critical information for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's and related dementias.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 30, 2019, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol and does hereby encourage citizens of the great state of Louisiana to raise awareness of this devastating disease.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE