

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND DAVIS

A RESOLUTION

To designate May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, leading to the loss of muscle control; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 Americans are living with ALS at any given time, with an estimated 5,000 new diagnoses each year, impacting individuals and families across Louisiana and the nation; and

WHEREAS, ALS has no known cure, and the average life expectancy after diagnosis is two to five years, underscoring the urgent need for increased research, treatment options, and critical support services; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness about ALS fosters greater understanding, encourages early diagnosis, and supports advocacy for those affected, including patients, caregivers, and families; and

WHEREAS, May is recognized nationally as ALS Awareness Month, providing an opportunity to honor those living with ALS, remember those who have passed, and support efforts to find treatments or a cure; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is committed to promoting the health and well-being of its citizens and supporting initiatives that address the challenges faced by individuals with ALS.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month in Louisiana and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES