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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Wednesday, April 23, 2014, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol and commends the Louisiana chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend the Louisiana chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for its efforts in
3	Louisiana to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research,
4	provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and reduce the risk of
5	dementia through the promotion of brain health, and to recognize Wednesday, April
6	23, 2014, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol.
7	WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a slow, progressive disorder of the brain that
8	results in loss of memory and other cognitive function and, eventually, death; and
9	WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United
10	States and currently affects an estimated five million Americans; and
11	WHEREAS, more than five hundred thousand seniors die each year because they
12	have Alzheimer's disease; and
13	WHEREAS, in Louisiana alone it is estimated that more than ninety-two thousand
14	people have Alzheimer's disease; and
15	WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease takes an enormous toll on family members, with
16	an estimated two hundred twenty-eight thousand people in Louisiana acting as caregivers
17	for individuals with the disease; and
18	WHEREAS, caregivers for individuals with Alzheimer's disease suffer from
19	increased levels of stress and depression that differ from those of caregivers who deal with
20	other illnesses and that can create health problems unique to those caregivers; and

1	WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association works on a global, national, and local level
2	to enhance care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's disease and other
3	dementias; and
4	WHEREAS, as the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's disease research, the
5	Alzheimer's Association is committed to accelerating progress of new treatments,
6	preventions, and ultimately, a cure; and
7	WHEREAS, through its partnerships and funded projects, the Alzheimer's
8	Association has been part of every major research advancement over the past thirty years;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, although there is currently no cure for Alzheimer's disease, new
11	treatments are on the horizon as a result of accelerating insight into the biology of the
12	disease; and
13	WHEREAS, research has also shown that effective care and support can improve
14	quality of life for individuals and their caregivers over the course of the disease from
15	diagnosis to the end of life; and
16	WHEREAS, recent advancements in scientific research have demonstrated the
17	benefits of early medical treatment for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, as well as the
18	benefits of early access to counseling and other support services for their caregivers; and
19	WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association is a leading voice for Alzheimer's disease
20	advocacy, fighting for critical Alzheimer's research, prevention, and care initiatives at the
21	state and federal level, and working diligently to make Alzheimer's a national priority; and
22	WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association is committed to the eradication of
23	Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia through the advancement of research,
24	committed to providing and enhancing care and support of all affected, and committed to
25	reducing the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.
26	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27	commend the Louisiana chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for its efforts in Louisiana
28	to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, provide and enhance
29	care and support for all affected, and reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of

- brain health, and to recognize Wednesday, April 23, 2014, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day
- 2 at the state capitol.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 4 to the Louisiana chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

DIGEST

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