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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Alzheimer's Association are  
2 gathering at the Texas Capitol on April 5, 2023, as part of  
3 Alzheimer's Association State Advocacy Day; and

4 WHEREAS, A progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder,  
5 Alzheimer's disease robs individuals of their memories and leads to  
6 progressive mental and physical impairments; it is the  
7 seventh-leading cause of death in the United States, and unlike the  
8 other principal causes, there is currently no cure or treatment for  
9 it and no way to slow its progression; in addition, Alzheimer's is  
10 the most expensive disease in the U.S., costing more than cancer and  
11 heart disease combined; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, more than 6.7 million Americans are living  
13 with Alzheimer's, including 400,000 in Texas; these individuals  
14 require considerable assistance, and over 1 million Texans provide  
15 home care to family and friends with Alzheimer's, for a total of  
16 more than \$23.5 billion in unpaid labor; according to the National  
17 Institute on Aging, Alzheimer's disease also indirectly costs  
18 businesses more than \$37 billion a year in lost productivity as a  
19 result of employees missing work or leaving their job to care for a  
20 relative; and

21 WHEREAS, With early detection and diagnosis, individuals  
22 with Alzheimer's and their families can better plan for the future  
23 while gaining access to medications, critical research trials, and  
24 support from the Alzheimer's Association; and

1           WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Association State Advocacy Day provides  
2 an important opportunity to raise awareness about Alzheimer's  
3 disease, to honor caregivers who support and care for loved ones  
4 with the disease, and to acknowledge the work of researchers who are  
5 searching for a cause and a cure; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize April 5, 2023, as Alzheimer's  
8 Association State Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and commend the  
9 Alzheimer's Association for its efforts to fight this terrible  
10 disease and to advocate for those suffering from it.