

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 165

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Texas chapters of the Alzheimer's Association in recognizing February 6, 2007, as Texas Alzheimer's Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain's nerve cells that results in impaired memory, thinking, and behavior, and, ultimately, death; and

**WHEREAS**, Approximately four and one-half million Americans, including 280,000 Texans, have Alzheimer's disease; the Alzheimer's Association and the National Institute on Aging estimate the costs for treating persons with the disease are \$100 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, A recent survey revealed that one in 10 Americans has a family member with Alzheimer's and one in three Americans knows someone with the disease; the number of Americans with the disease is estimated to reach anywhere from 11.3 million to 16 million people by the year 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, Extensive research has been conducted since Dr. Alois Alzheimer first described the symptoms and the disease 100 years ago, and several promising drug treatments have been introduced that delay the onset of disease symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alzheimer's Association and affiliated state chapters are bringing attention to Alzheimer's disease and working to find a cure; the Texas Senate commends their worthy efforts; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby recognize February 6, 2007, as Texas Alzheimer's Awareness Day; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in recognition of Texas Alzheimer's Awareness Day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 5, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate