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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and
2 National Caregiver Month are being observed in November 2016; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than
4 five million Americans are afflicted with this progressive form of
5 dementia, and over 15 million family members and friends serve as
6 Alzheimer's or dementia caregivers; and

7 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease causes noticeably degraded
8 cognition, and symptoms include memory loss, disorientation,
9 decreased judgment, severe mood or personality changes, and loss of
10 initiative; the disease typically strikes individuals who are 65
11 years of age or older; approximately five percent of sufferers,
12 however, have early-onset Alzheimer's, which can appear in people
13 as young as 40 years old; and

14 WHEREAS, There is no cure for this devastating illness; it is
15 one of the leading causes of death for seniors in the United States;
16 in Texas, Alzheimer's is responsible for more than 5,000 deaths per
17 year, and the number of people affected is growing; and

18 WHEREAS, Increased research is critical to stemming the tide
19 of Alzheimer's disease, and awareness of the demands faced by those
20 who care for Alzheimer's patients is key to our appreciation of
21 their efforts; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize November 2016 as National Alzheimer's
24 Disease Awareness Month and National Caregiver Month and encourage

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1 all Texans to learn more about Alzheimer's.