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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Across the nation, June 2018 is being observed as
2 Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than
4 5 million Americans are currently living with the disease, and over
5 15 million family members and friends serve as caregivers for these
6 patients; and

7 WHEREAS, The most common form of dementia, Alzheimer's is a
8 progressive disease that destroys various mental functions;
9 symptoms gradually worsen over time and include memory loss,
10 disorientation, impaired judgment, severe mood or personality
11 changes, and increasing difficulty with speaking and performing
12 basic daily activities; the disease typically strikes individuals
13 who are 65 years of age or older, but approximately five percent of
14 those diagnosed suffer from early-onset Alzheimer's, which can
15 emerge in people as young as 40; and

16 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is one of the leading causes of death
17 for seniors in the United States, and at this time, there is no
18 cure; in the State of Texas, Alzheimer's is responsible for more
19 than 5,000 deaths per year, and the number of people affected is
20 growing; and

21 WHEREAS, The monthlong awareness campaign in June serves as a
22 valuable way of educating the public about this often misunderstood
23 disease, and it further draws attention to the vital need for
24 research and funding to develop better treatments for Alzheimer's

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1 and to improve the lives of individuals suffering from the disease
2 and those who love and care for them; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize June 2018 as National Alzheimer's and
5 Brain Awareness Month and encourage all Texans to learn more about
6 Alzheimer's disease and brain health.