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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Members of the Alzheimer's Association are gathering at the Texas Capitol on April 17, 2019, as part of Alzheimer's Association State Advocacy Day; and

WHEREAS, A progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, Alzheimer's disease robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; it is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, and unlike the other principal causes, there is currently no cure or treatment for it and no way to slow its progression; and

WHEREAS, Today, more than 5.8 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, including 390,000 in Texas; these individuals require considerable assistance, and over 1.4 million Texans provide home care to family and friends with Alzheimer's, for a total of more than $20.5 billion in unpaid labor; according to the National Institute on Aging, Alzheimer's disease also indirectly costs businesses more than $37 billion a year in lost productivity as a result of employees missing work or leaving their job to care for a relative; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby recognize April 17, 2019, as Alzheimer's Association State Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and commend the Alzheimer's Association for its efforts to fight this terrible disease and to advocate for those suffering from it.