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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 17, 2019, 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 sixth-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; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Association State Advocacy Day provides
24 an important opportunity to raise awareness about Alzheimer's

1 disease, to honor caregivers who support and care for loved ones
2 with the disease, and to acknowledge the work of researchers who are
3 searching for a cause and a cure; now, therefore, be it

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