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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Across the nation, June 2020 is being observed as  
2 Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month; and

3           WHEREAS, According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than  
4 5.7 million Americans are currently living with the disease, and  
5 over 16.1 million family members and friends serve as caregivers  
6 for these 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 four 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 around  
19 9,000 deaths per year, and the number of people affected is growing;  
20 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 also draws attention to the vital need to develop  
24 better treatments for Alzheimer's patients and to offer support to

1 their caregivers; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize June 2020 as National Alzheimer's and  
4 Brain Awareness Month and encourage all Texans to learn more about  
5 Alzheimer's disease and brain health.