

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 3773

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

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Deborah Hanna

Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alz. Disease www.DKRFund.org

Austin, TX

In year's past Gov. Perry, Gov. Abbott, and Lt. Gov. Patrick have selected specific dates for Alzheimer's Awareness Day. Each time State leadership takes this step more Texans realize the devastation dementias and other neurological disorders bring to the lives of families, community, business, and government at all levels. Congratulations Rep. Lopez on taking this positive step to again spotlight this challenge. Coach Darrell Royal last appeared on Feb. 28, 2012 with his beloved Edith and friend Matthew McConaughey as Mrs. Royal testified on the challenges of caregiving. Members from the Senate and the House were moved to tears as they watched the "Big Coach" as Sen. Lucio called him and Sen. Jane Nelson told Coach that he was well-loved by all Texans. DKR Fund funds brilliant research and supports caregivers in honor and memory of our Big Coach and his First Lady of Texas football. Thank you Rep. Lopes.

Gail Stephens

Self

Houston, TX

I am in favor of this bill as Alzheimer's directly affected our family.. it robbed us of our precious mother, as she slowly slipped away. The public needs to understand this disease process and have a way of honoring its victims, our family members.

Virginia Sandoval

Self

San Antonio, TX

Our madre passed away in 2013. She suffered from Alzheimers, it is heartbreaking to watch your loved one speak to you as if you are a stranger. Sometimes she knew I was her daughter but couldnt remember my name. We must find a cure and bring awareness to our state. I support this bill! Thank you.

Jeremy Whittaker, Mr.

Self, Retired Army.

El Paso, TX

SUPPORT* Alzheimer's is a terrible disease that is like watching a train wreck in slow motion for anyone with a family member suffering from this. Awareness needs to be raised, along with treatment and prevention options.