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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating June 18-24, 2017, as
3 "Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Awareness Week" in
4 Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of
7 death in the United States, killing more people than breast
8 cancer and prostate cancer combined, and

9 WHEREAS, 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's
10 disease, the vast majority of whom are 65 years of age and
11 older, and

12 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association reports that Florida
13 had the second highest prevalence rate of Alzheimer's disease in
14 the nation in 2016, with more than 510,000 Floridians living
15 with the disease and that number expected to rise to 720,000 by
16 2025, and

17 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association projects that, in the
18 absence of the development of medical interventions to prevent
19 or cure the disease, the number of Americans living with
20 Alzheimer's disease will nearly triple by 2050, and

21 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the only disease among the
22 top 10 causes of death in the nation which cannot be prevented,
23 cured, or slowed, and

24 WHEREAS, in 2015, family members and friends for each
25 person living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of

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26 dementia collectively provided 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care
27 to all such patients, where approximately two-thirds of these
28 caregivers were women and over one-third were 65 years of age or
29 older, and

30 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association reports that
31 Alzheimer's disease is one of the costliest chronic diseases and
32 poses a significant burden on our nation and state, and

33 WHEREAS, nationwide, the medical costs spent on people
34 living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia will
35 more than double by 2050, NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
38 Florida:

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40 That June 18-24, 2017, is designated as "Alzheimer's
41 Disease and Dementia Awareness Week."