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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating June 2018 as "Alzheimer's and
3 Brain Awareness Month" in Florida.

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

8 WHEREAS, 5.5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's
9 disease, and

10 WHEREAS, in 2017, an estimated 5.3 million of those living
11 with Alzheimer's disease were 65 years of age or older, and an
12 estimated 200,000 individuals were under age 65 and living with
13 younger-onset Alzheimer's, and

14 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association reports that Florida
15 has the second highest prevalence rate of Alzheimer's disease in
16 the nation, with more than 520,000 Floridians living with the
17 disease and that number expected to rise to 720,000 by 2025, and

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

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

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25 WHEREAS, in 2016, family members and friends for each
26 person living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of
27 dementia collectively provided 18.2 billion hours of unpaid care
28 to such persons, where approximately two-thirds of caregivers
29 were women and over one-third were 65 years of age or 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 cost of medical care for 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 2018 is designated as "Alzheimer's and Brain
41 Awareness Month."