

House Resolution 116

By: Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Taylor of the 173rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Stoner of the 40th, and Anulewicz of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and recognizing
2 March 1, 2023, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease
4 and all other dementia through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and
5 support for all those affected by these diseases; and to reduce the risk of dementia through
6 the promotion of brain health; and

7 WHEREAS, there are now over 150,000 Georgians who have been diagnosed with
8 Alzheimer's disease and who are being cared for by over 338,000 care givers who have
9 accumulated over 640 million hours of unpaid care, valued at almost \$9.3 billion; and

10 WHEREAS, care giving for individuals with Alzheimer's disease often takes an enormous
11 toll on family members; care givers themselves often suffer more stress, depression, and
12 health problems than care givers of people with other illnesses; and

13 WHEREAS, more than half of all individuals currently living with Alzheimer's disease have
14 yet to be diagnosed; and

15 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, nationally, one in every three seniors dies with Alzheimer's disease or another
18 form of dementia, and it is the sixth leading cause of death in the State of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, we recognize the important role the State Department of Public Health plays
20 in promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors among the general public, increasing early
21 detection and diagnosis of disease and disability, reducing risk of future injury and illness,
22 educating the health care workforce, and monitoring the health of the state; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan was signed into
24 action in June 2014, and we recognize the on-going collaboration and coordination of state
25 agencies to advance the work to create a more dementia-capable Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's
27 Association be commended for its efforts in fighting Alzheimer's and advocating for those
28 living with it and their care givers.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and
31 recognize March 1, 2023, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.