

## House Resolution 1175

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Silcox of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Carter of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and recognizing February  
2 27, 2018, 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 related forms of dementia through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance  
5 care and support for all those affected by these diseases; and to reduce the risk of dementia  
6 through the promotion of brain health; and

7 WHEREAS, there are now over 140,000 Georgians who have been diagnosed with  
8 Alzheimer's disease and who are being cared for by over 519,000 caregivers who have  
9 accumulated over 591 million hours of unpaid care, valued at almost \$7.5 billion; and

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

12 WHEREAS, one in seven Georgians who are 45 years of age and older report that they are  
13 currently experiencing subjective cognitive decline and self-reported memory problems that  
14 have worsened over the past year, but less than half of these Georgians have talked to a  
15 health care provider about it; and

16 WHEREAS, there are no survivors of Alzheimer's, and if one does not die from it, one dies  
17 with it; and

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

20 WHEREAS, every 66 seconds, someone in the United States develops the disease; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's  
22 Association be commended for its efforts in fighting Alzheimer's and advocating for those  
23 living with it and their caregivers.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and  
26 recognize February 27, 2018, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol.

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