

House Resolution 54EX

By: Representative Bennett of the 94th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 14, 2021, as African Methodist Episcopal Church 6th District
2 Alzheimer's Awareness Purple Sunday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically
4 robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, there are no known treatments to prevent, cure, delay the onset, or slow the
7 progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

8 WHEREAS, an estimated 5.6 million people aged 65 and over have Alzheimer's disease and
9 another 200,000 people under age 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; and

10 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and
11 the fifth leading cause among the elderly; and

12 WHEREAS, African Americans are about two times more likely to have Alzheimer's disease
13 and other dementias; and

14 WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association's Facts and Figures report, the direct
15 costs of caring for those with Alzheimer's to American society is valued at \$355 billion, and
16 more than 11 million care givers provide 15.3 billion hours of unpaid care to those with
17 Alzheimer's disease or other dementias; and

18 WHEREAS, in Georgia, nearly 334,000 family members and friends cared for people with
19 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, providing 640 million hours of unpaid care; the
20 annual value of this care giving totaled \$9.1 billion; and

21 WHEREAS, in recognition of the individuals, families, friends and care givers dealing with
22 Alzheimer's disease, there are researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to
24 raise funds and promote awareness of the fight against Alzheimer's disease and other
25 dementias, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's
26 disease and their care givers; and

27 WHEREAS, November 14, 2021, has been recognized as African Methodist Episcopal
28 Church 6th District Alzheimer's Awareness Purple Sunday to help spread global awareness
29 of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of a world without Alzheimer's disease; and

30 WHEREAS, November 14, 2021, has been recognized by Bishop Reginald T. Jackson,
31 presiding prelate of the AME Sixth Episcopal District, as African Methodist Episcopal
32 Church 6th Episcopal District Alzheimer's Awareness Purple Sunday to help spread global
33 awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of a world without Alzheimer's disease.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize November 14, 2021, as African Methodist Episcopal
36 Church 6th District Alzheimer's Awareness Purple Sunday and urge all citizens to show their
37 support on that day by wearing purple and engaging in a day of activity, honoring the
38 strength, passion, and endurance of people facing Alzheimer's disease.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 public and the press.