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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMANN AND NANCY LANDRY

A RESOLUTION

To foster awareness about Alzheimer's disease and to recognize the month of June 2018 as "Go Purple Month".

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association recognizes that everyone who has a brain is at risk of developing Alzheimer's, a progressive brain disease that has no cure and is not a normal part of the aging process; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more people die of Alzheimer's disease than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, fewer than fifty percent of people with Alzheimer's disease report being told of their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, more than fifteen million Americans provide unpaid care for individuals with Alzheimer's or some other form of dementia; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the Alzheimer's Association has estimated that there are as many as eighty-five thousand citizens aged sixty-five and older who suffer from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Alzheimer's include difficulty remembering newly learned information; disorientation; mood and behavioral changes; deepening confusion about events, times, and places; unfounded suspicions about family, friends, and caregivers; and difficulty speaking, swallowing, and walking; and

WHEREAS, the color purple was selected to symbolize support for those who work with patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's and family and friends who are caregivers of Alzheimer's patients; and

WHEREAS, research is ongoing to uncover critical information for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's and related dementias, and during the month of June, Louisiana citizens are encouraged to wear purple and take action to raise awareness of this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, the national Alzheimer's Association has declared June 2018 to be Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the month of June 2018 as "Go Purple Month", and hereby encourages citizens of the great state of Louisiana to raise awareness of this devastating disease.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES