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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 20, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2018 as "Alzheimer's and Brain  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, June is "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month," and  
4 the Alzheimer's Association seeks support to raise awareness of  
5 this debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to  
6 combat its human and economic costs; and

7 WHEREAS, The summer solstice, June 21, 2018, has been  
8 declared the longest day, with teams around the world coming  
9 together to honor the strength, passion and endurance of  
10 individuals facing Alzheimer's disease with a day of activity  
11 and advocacy; and

12 WHEREAS, Every individual in our communities is at risk for  
13 developing Alzheimer's, a fatal disease that cannot be  
14 prevented, treated or even slowed; and

1       WHEREAS, Worldwide, there are approximately 47 million people  
2 living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, including more than  
3 5 million living in the United States and more than 400,000  
4 living in Pennsylvania, and, without a change, these worldwide  
5 numbers are expected to grow to 76 million by 2030; and

6       WHEREAS, An estimated 5.5 million people who are 65 years of  
7 age or older and approximately 200,000 people who are under 65  
8 years of age live with Alzheimer's; and

9       WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in  
10 the United States, and one in three seniors dies with  
11 Alzheimer's or another dementia; and

12       WHEREAS, Only 45% of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or  
13 their caregivers report being told of their diagnosis, while  
14 more than 90% of individuals with the four most common types of  
15 cancer have been told of their diagnosis; and

16       WHEREAS, During 2017 in the United States, 16.1 million  
17 family members and friends provided 18.4 billion hours of unpaid  
18 care to individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias and  
19 that care had an estimated economic value of \$232.1 billion; and

20       WHEREAS, In 2017, Pennsylvania had an estimated 675,000  
21 Alzheimer's and dementia family caregivers providing 769 million  
22 hours of unpaid care valued at more than \$9.7 billion; and

23       WHEREAS, Researchers in Pennsylvania and around the world  
24 continue their efforts to develop scientific breakthroughs that  
25 could one day bring about a world without Alzheimer's disease;  
26 and

27       WHEREAS, The individuals, families, friends and caregivers  
28 dealing with Alzheimer's disease and the researchers who are  
29 seeking a cause or cure should be recognized; and

30       WHEREAS, The efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise

1 funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and  
2 other dementias improve the quality of human life for  
3 individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and their  
4 caregivers; therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
6 month of June 2018 as "Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness  
7 Month" in Pennsylvania.