

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 113

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A RESOLUTION urging the Commissioners of the Tennessee Departments of Health and Human Services to add caregiving and cognitive modules to the 2010 Tennessee BRFSS survey.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this General Assembly to promote a greater awareness of Alzheimer's disease, and we understand the need to seek the elimination of this disease; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of Tennessee annually conducts the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey to gather statewide public health data; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Alzheimer's disease, which currently has no cure, surpassed diabetes to become the sixth leading cause of death in adults age eighteen or older in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, caregiving for individuals with Alzheimer's disease often takes an enormous toll on family members; caregivers themselves often suffer more stress, depression, and health problems than caregivers of people with other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, currently no data collection exists in the State of Tennessee to assess the impact of Alzheimer's disease on the state's economic, health, and social systems; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has developed two new modules for the BRFSS survey on caregiving and cognitive impairment; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the important role the Departments of Health and Human Services plays in the education of the general public about health issues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we urge the Commissioners of the Departments of Health and Human Services to add the caregiving and cognitive modules to the 2010 Tennessee BRFSS survey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all Tennesseans to raise their awareness on Alzheimer's disease and the effects it has on families and caregivers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Departments of Health and Human Services with this final clause omitted from such copy.