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3 By Senators Marsh, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Burkette, Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn,
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 16-APR-19

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4 ENROLLED, SJR38,

5 PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 2019, AS ALABAMA ALZHEIMER'S
6 AWARENESS DAY AND COMMENDING THE ALABAMA CHAPTER OF THE
7 ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION FOR ITS WORK IN FIGHTING ALZHEIMER'S
8 DISEASE AND DEMENTIA.

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10 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive
11 neurodegenerative brain disorder that tragically robs
12 individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental
13 and physical impairments; and

14 WHEREAS, there are no known treatments to prevent,
15 cure, delay the onset, or slow the progression of Alzheimer's
16 Disease; and

17 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease is the 6th-leading
18 cause of death in the United States; every 65 seconds, someone
19 in the United States develops Alzheimer's Disease; and

20 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease is the most costly
21 disease in the United States; the cost of Alzheimer's Disease
22 to Alabama's Medicaid program is \$896 million, with that
23 number projected to rise to \$1.114 billion by 2025; and

1 WHEREAS, an estimated 94,000 Alabamians aged 65 and
2 older have Alzheimer's Disease, with that number projected to
3 grow to 110,000 Alabamians by 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, currently an additional 305,000 Alabama
5 caregivers also bear the burden of the disease in our state
6 with 347 million hours of unpaid care being provided by them
7 at an estimated value of \$4.392 billion in Alabama; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association
9 2019 Disease Facts and Figures report, 5.8 million Americans
10 of all ages are living with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia
11 in 2019, with that number projected to grow to 14 million
12 Americans by the year 2025 without advancements in research,
13 prevention, treatments, or a cure; and

14 WHEREAS, the direct costs to American society of
15 caring for those with Alzheimer's is valued at \$290 million,
16 with that number projected to grow to \$1.1 trillion by 2050
17 without advancements in research, prevention, treatments, or a
18 cure; and

19 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease and dementia touch
20 everyone, either through being personally affected or through
21 family members and friends being affected; and

22 WHEREAS, the mission of the Alzheimer's Association
23 is to eliminate Alzheimer's Disease and other types of
24 dementia through the advancement of research, the promotion of
25 brain health, and the enhancement of care and support for all

1 individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia, as well as
2 their families and caregivers; and

3 WHEREAS, the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association
4 to raise funds and to promote awareness and research to fight
5 Alzheimer's Disease and other types of dementia help improve
6 the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's
7 Disease and dementia and for their caregivers as well; and

8 WHEREAS, Tuesday, April 30, 2019, is Alzheimer's
9 Advocacy Day at the Alabama State House, and this is a most
10 appropriate day to recognize Alabama Alzheimer's Awareness Day
11 in support and recognition of the individuals, families,
12 friends, and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's Disease and
13 dementia, as well as the researchers who are seeking a cause
14 and a cure; and

15 WHEREAS, all members of the Alabama Legislature are
16 encouraged to wear purple, the color of Alzheimer's Awareness,
17 on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in support of all who are battling
18 Alzheimer's Disease and dementia; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That April 30, 2019, is proclaimed
21 to be Alabama Alzheimer's Awareness Day, and we commend the
22 Alabama Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for its work in
23 fighting this terrible disease and in advocating for people
24 living with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia, as well as their
25 caregivers.

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President and Presiding Officer of
the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representa-
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SJR38
Senate 16-APR-19
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint
Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 25-APR-19

By: Senator Marsh