

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes June 2018 as "Go Purple Month" for Alzheimer's awareness

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DIGEST

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