

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates the month of May as ALS Awareness Month in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate the month of May as ALS Awareness Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's
4 disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses
5 connection with the muscles, slowly taking away the person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and
6 eventually breathe; and

7 WHEREAS, every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes
8 away from ALS. On average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years
9 from the time of diagnosis; ALS has no cure; and

10 WHEREAS, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS
11 than those with no history of military service; and

12 WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and
13 communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; clinical trials
14 play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering
15 assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

16 WHEREAS, the summer of 2024 will be the 10th anniversary of the ALS Ice Bucket
17 Challenge that became a global phenomenon; this anniversary can be celebrated through a
18 renewed commitment to galvanize public awareness and support funding leading to

