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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Designates April 20, 2017, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol and expresses the continued support of the Louisiana Alzheimer's Disease Task Force's Final Report and the implementation of its recommendations.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate April 20, 2017, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol and express the continued support of the Louisiana Alzheimer's Disease Task Force's Final Report and the implementation of its recommendations.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease takes a tremendous emotional toll on all whose lives it touches, including family members, friends, and especially the caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, more than sixty percent of Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers are women; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Louisiana Alzheimer's Disease Task Force was established by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Alzheimer's Disease Task Force was comprised of membership from the legislature, as well as representatives from interested community and industry partners; and

WHEREAS, the task force, in accordance with its legislative charge, accomplished the following: assessed the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease on Louisianians; examined the existing industries, services, and resources addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease, their families, and caregivers; developed a strategy to mobilize a

state response to Alzheimer's disease; held public meetings and utilized technological means to gather feedback from persons and families affected by Alzheimer's disease; submitted a report of findings and recommendations to the legislature and the governor in the form of a state Alzheimer's disease plan in October of 2009; and

WHEREAS, recommendations from the Louisiana Alzheimer's Disease Task Force Final Report covered the following areas: infrastructure, data collection, education and training, early detection and diagnosis, safety, services and facilities, and health coverage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 20, 2017, as "Alzheimer's Awareness Day" at the state capitol and expresses continued support of the Louisiana Alzheimer's Disease Task Force's Final Report and the renewed implementation of the Louisiana Alzheimer's Disease Task Force's Final Report, in partnership with the Department of Health and the Alzheimer's Association's Louisiana chapter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that implementation of the task force report will move Louisiana closer to becoming a dementia-capable state, better suited to handling the fiscal, psychological, and social demands that Alzheimer's disease places on Louisiana families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Health and the Alzheimer's Association's Louisiana chapter.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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