

No. R-47. House concurrent resolution designating February 12, 2015, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day in Vermont.

(H.C.R.31)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia destroy the lives of their victims and greatly impede the lives of their caregivers, and

Whereas, the Alzheimer's Association estimated that 5.2 million Americans lived with Alzheimer's in 2014, including 200,000 persons younger than 65 years of age, and

Whereas, 15.5 million caregivers provided 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care valued at \$220 billion in 2013, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and there are 500,000 people dying each year due to Alzheimer's, and

Whereas, women in the United States are especially impacted as almost two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's are women, and 2.5 times more women than men serve as intensive round-the-clock Alzheimer's caregivers, and

Whereas, the national financial impact of Alzheimer's disease in 2014 included \$37 billion of Medicaid expenditures, \$36 billion of out-of-pocket costs, and \$28 billion in other expenses, and

Whereas, as Americans continue to live longer lives, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that the number of persons who live with Alzheimer's could triple by 2050 unless a major medical breakthrough is discovered, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living has developed a Vermont State Plan on Dementia, and the Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders continues to focus attention on this critical societal problem, and

Whereas, today, Thursday, February 12, 2015, families of persons with Alzheimer's and others dedicated to finding a cure for this debilitating disease are gathered in the State House to inform members of the General Assembly about Alzheimer's disease, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 12, 2015, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.