

**No. R-142. House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, April 6, 2017 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House.**

(H.C.R.108)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: Senators Balint, Benning, Degree, MacDonald, and Pollina

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is currently the fifth leading cause of death in Vermont, the sixth nationally, and nationwide, a new Alzheimer's case is documented every 66 seconds, and

Whereas, by 2050, the cost of Alzheimer's disease to the nation's economy is projected to rise from the current \$259 billion to \$1.1 trillion, and

Whereas, 12,000 Vermonters are living with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia, a figure projected to increase to 17,000 by 2025, and

Whereas, nationally, 82 percent of persons with Alzheimer's disease are 75 years of age or older, and

Whereas, since 2000, in Vermont, there has been a 99 percent increase in deaths attributed to Alzheimer's disease, and

Whereas, it is estimated that Vermont Medicaid expenses for persons with Alzheimer's disease are estimated to equal \$98 million in 2017, and this amount is projected to increase nearly 45 percent by 2025, and

Whereas, 30,000 Vermonters are providing an estimated 34 million hours of unpaid care to persons with Alzheimer's or related dementia, and

Whereas, if compensated, this care would be worth \$430 million, and

Whereas, nationally, 15,975,000 Americans are providing an estimated 18,192,000,000 hours of uncompensated care with an estimated value of \$230.1 billion, and

Whereas, throughout the country, 35 percent of caregivers for persons with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia report their own health has deteriorated since assuming this role, and their additional health care costs nationally total \$10.85 billion, and

Whereas, today, April 6, 2017, health care professionals, families with members who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and caregivers are gathered at the State House to inform legislators about the problems caregivers must confront and the status of efforts to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 6, 2017 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House, 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.