

No. R-379. House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, March 29, 2018 as Alzheimer's Awareness and Advocacy Day.

(H.C.R.305)

Offered by: Representatives Noyes of Wolcott, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bock of Chester, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Connor of Fairfield, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fields of Bennington, Frenier of Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, LaClair of Barre Town, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lucke of Hartford, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Mattos of Milton, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Read of Fayston, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Squirrel of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, Wright of Burlington, Yacovone of Morristown, and Young of Glover

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is currently the fifth leading cause of death in Vermont; Vermont has the fourth highest Alzheimer's death rate in the nation; and since 2000, there has been a 99 percent increase in the number of Alzheimer's deaths in the State, and

Whereas, 12,000 Vermonters 65 years of age or older are living with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia, and

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

Whereas, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that nationally 250,000 persons between eight and 18 years of age provide help to someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia-related illness, and

Whereas, twice as many caregivers of persons with dementia, compared to caregivers of persons who do not have dementia, report substantial emotional, financial, and physical difficulties, and

Whereas, only 45 percent of persons with Alzheimer's disease or their caregivers report being told of the diagnosis, and

Whereas, in 2017, the Medicaid costs of caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias in Vermont was estimated to be \$98 million, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's estimated cost nationally in 2017 was \$259 billion, and

Whereas, without further action, total annual payments for Alzheimer's disease-related health care are projected to increase to \$1.1 trillion in 2018 dollars by the year 2050, and

Whereas, today, Thursday, March 29, 2018, Vermont families, care partners, and persons with Alzheimer's who are dedicated to increasing awareness and caregiver resources and to finding a cure for this disease are visiting the State House to educate members of the General Assembly on the importance of addressing the issues pertaining to Alzheimer's, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 29, 2018 as Alzheimer's Awareness and Advocacy 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.