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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating June 2023 as "Alzheimer's and
3 Brain Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the seventh leading cause
6 of death in the United States, killing more people than breast
7 cancer and prostate cancer combined, and

8 WHEREAS, in 2022, an estimated 6.5 million of those living
9 with Alzheimer's disease were 65 years of age or older, and an
10 estimated 200,000 individuals were under age 65 and living with
11 younger-onset Alzheimer's, and

12 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association reports that Florida
13 has the second-highest prevalence rate of Alzheimer's disease in
14 the nation, with more than 580,000 Floridians living with the
15 disease, and that number is expected to rise to 720,000 by 2025,
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association projects that, in the
18 absence of the development of medical interventions to prevent
19 or cure the disease, the number of Americans living with
20 Alzheimer's disease will nearly double by 2050, and

21 WHEREAS, in 2021, caregivers, including family members and
22 friends, for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and
23 other forms of dementia collectively provided 16 billion hours
24 of unpaid care to such persons at an estimated cost of \$272
25 billion, and

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26 WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of caregivers were women
27 and about one-third of caregivers were 65 years of age or older,
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29 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association reports that
30 Alzheimer's disease is one of the costliest chronic diseases and
31 poses a significant burden on our nation and state, and

32 WHEREAS, nationwide, the cost of medical care for people
33 living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia will
34 more than double by 2050, NOW, THEREFORE,

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36 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
37 Florida:

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39 That June 2023 is designated as "Alzheimer's and Brain
40 Awareness Month."