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4 Burkette, Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn,  
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
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8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
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8 PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 2019, AS ALABAMA ALZHEIMER'S  
9 AWARENESS DAY AND COMMENDING THE ALABAMA CHAPTER OF THE  
10 ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION FOR ITS WORK IN FIGHTING ALZHEIMER'S  
11 DISEASE AND DEMENTIA.

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13 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive  
14 neurodegenerative brain disorder that tragically robs  
15 individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental  
16 and physical impairments; and

17 WHEREAS, there are no known treatments to prevent,  
18 cure, delay the onset, or slow the progression of Alzheimer's  
19 Disease; and

20 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease is the 6th-leading  
21 cause of death in the United States; every 65 seconds, someone  
22 in the United States develops Alzheimer's Disease; and

23 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease is the most costly  
24 disease in the United States; the cost of Alzheimer's Disease  
25 to Alabama's Medicaid program is \$896 million, with that  
26 number projected to rise to \$1.114 billion by 2025; and

1           WHEREAS, an estimated 94,000 Alabamians aged 65 and  
2 older have Alzheimer's Disease, with that number projected to  
3 grow to 110,000 Alabamians by 2025; and

4           WHEREAS, currently an additional 305,000 Alabama  
5 caregivers also bear the burden of the disease in our state  
6 with 347 million hours of unpaid care being provided by them  
7 at an estimated value of \$4.392 billion in Alabama; and

8           WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association  
9 2019 Disease Facts and Figures report, 5.8 million Americans  
10 of all ages are living with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia  
11 in 2019, with that number projected to grow to 14 million  
12 Americans by the year 2025 without advancements in research,  
13 prevention, treatments, or a cure; and

14           WHEREAS, the direct costs to American society of  
15 caring for those with Alzheimer's is valued at \$290 million,  
16 with that number projected to grow to \$1.1 trillion by 2050  
17 without advancements in research, prevention, treatments, or a  
18 cure; and

19           WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease and dementia touch  
20 everyone, either through being personally affected or through  
21 family members and friends being affected; and

22           WHEREAS, the mission of the Alzheimer's Association  
23 is to eliminate Alzheimer's Disease and other types of  
24 dementia through the advancement of research, the promotion of  
25 brain health, and the enhancement of care and support for all  
26 individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia, as well as  
27 their families and caregivers; and

1           WHEREAS, the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association  
2 to raise funds and to promote awareness and research to fight  
3 Alzheimer's Disease and other types of dementia help improve  
4 the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's  
5 Disease and dementia and for their caregivers as well; and

6           WHEREAS, Tuesday, April 30, 2019, is Alzheimer's  
7 Advocacy Day at the Alabama State House, and this is a most  
8 appropriate day to recognize Alabama Alzheimer's Awareness Day  
9 in support and recognition of the individuals, families,  
10 friends, and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's Disease and  
11 dementia, as well as the researchers who are seeking a cause  
12 and a cure; and

13           WHEREAS, all members of the Alabama Legislature are  
14 encouraged to wear purple, the color of Alzheimer's Awareness,  
15 on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in support of all who are battling  
16 Alzheimer's Disease and dementia; now therefore,

17           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That April 30, 2019, is proclaimed  
19 to be Alabama Alzheimer's Awareness Day, and we commend the  
20 Alabama Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for its work in  
21 fighting this terrible disease and in advocating for people  
22 living with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia, as well as their  
23 caregivers.