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9 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

10 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS CHAPTER OF THE ALZHEIMER'S
11 ASSOCIATION AND PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 26, 2019, AS
12 ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS DAY.

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15 **Subtitle**

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17 ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION AND PROCLAIMING
18 FEBRUARY 26, 2019, AS ALZHEIMER'S
19 AWARENESS DAY.

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22 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative
23 brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads
24 to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

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26 WHEREAS, there are no known treatments to prevent, cure, or even
27 delay the onset or slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

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29 WHEREAS, an estimated 60,000 Arkansans have Alzheimer's disease, and
30 currently 177,000 Arkansans are designated caregivers; and

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32 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the 6th-leading cause of death in the
33 United States, and as of 2015, Arkansas had the 4th-highest Alzheimer's
34 mortality rate in the country; and

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36 WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association 2018 Alzheimer's



1 Disease Facts and Figures report, the direct costs to American society of
2 caring for those with Alzheimer's is valued at \$259 billion; more than 15
3 million caregivers provided over 18 billion hours of unpaid care for those
4 with Alzheimer's and other dementias in 2016; and in Arkansas, nearly 177,000
5 family members and friends cared for people with Alzheimer's and other
6 dementias, providing 201 million hours of unpaid care, with the annual value
7 of this caregiving totaling 2,545 million dollars; and

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9 WHEREAS, the mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate
10 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias through the advancement of research
11 and promotion of brain health and to enhance care and support for all
12 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families and caregivers; and

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14 WHEREAS, the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds
15 and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias help
16 improve the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease
17 and their caregivers; and

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19 WHEREAS, February 26, 2019, would be an appropriate day to establish
20 Alzheimer's Awareness Day in recognition of the individuals, families,
21 friends, and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease and the researchers
22 who are seeking a cause and cure,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the Senate commends the Arkansas Chapter of the Alzheimer's
29 Association for their outstanding work in fighting this terrible disease
30 and advocating for those living with the disease, and proclaims February
31 26, 2019, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day.