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Supporting the goals and ideals of Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2022

Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Alzheimer's and Brain
Awareness Month.

Whereas Alzheimer's disease is a slow, progressive disorder of the brain that results in loss of memory and other cognitive function and, eventually, death;

Whereas Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and the fifth leading cause of death for persons aged 65 and over;

Whereas an estimated 6,500,000 people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's disease, and this number may increase to 12,700,000 by the year 2050;

Whereas someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease every 66 seconds;

Whereas nearly two-thirds of those living with Alzheimer's disease are women;

Whereas it is estimated that 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia;

Whereas Alzheimer's disease is the only cause of death among the top 10 causes of death in the United States that has no means of prevention, no cure, and no method for slowing its progression;

Whereas the direct costs to United States society of caring for Alzheimer's disease patients in 2022 is estimated to be \$321,000,000,000;

Whereas 11 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia;

Whereas nearly 60 percent of Alzheimer's disease and dementia caregivers rate the emotional stress of caregiving as high or very high;

Whereas nearly 40 percent of family caregivers for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia report symptoms of depression;

Whereas older Black Americans face nearly 2 times higher risk of developing Alzheimer's disease;

Whereas older Latinos face 1.5 times higher risk of developing Alzheimer's disease;

Whereas Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders are at high risk for under detection of dementia and Alzheimer's disease;

Whereas everyone who has a brain is at risk for Alzheimer's disease;

Whereas stigma around having Alzheimer's disease contributes to under detection and failure to diagnose the disease;

Whereas nearly half of Black, Latino, and Asian-American caregivers experienced some form of discrimination when seeking care for Alzheimer's disease;

Whereas June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month;

Whereas the Alzheimer's Association established Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in 2014, and the inaugural Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month was celebrated in June of that year; and

Whereas Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is an opportunity to—

(1) raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia;

(2) advocate for Alzheimer's disease research, care, and support services; and

(3) offer support to individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, their families, and their caregivers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Alzheimer's
3 and Brain Awareness Month; and

4 (2) encourages people in the United States to—

5 (A) educate themselves about Alzheimer's
6 disease and other forms of dementia;

7 (B) advocate for Alzheimer's disease re-
8 search, care, and support services; and

- 1 (C) offer their support to individuals living
- 2 with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of de-
- 3 mentia, their families, and their caregivers.

