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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BARRAGÁN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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 cog-
nitive function and, eventually, death;

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

Whereas nearly 7,000,000 Americans in the United States
are living with Alzheimer's disease, and this number may
increase to 13,000,000 by the year 2050;

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

Whereas it is estimated that 1 in 3 older Americans 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 or cure;

Whereas the direct costs to United States society of caring for Alzheimer's disease patients in 2025 is estimated to be \$384,000,000,000;

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

Whereas nearly 70 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 underdetection of dementia and Alzheimer's disease;

Whereas every American is at risk for developing Alzheimer's disease;

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

Whereas health disparities continue to exist for underserved populations, including Black, Latino, and Asian-Amer-

ican communities, in the care, caregiving, and research of 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 and other forms of dementia 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

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