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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2000 as "Alzheimer's Disease  
2 Awareness Month."

3 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disorder  
4 which causes progressive loss of memory and intellectual  
5 function; and

6 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease was first described in 1906 and  
7 has been diagnosed in millions of people ever since; and

8 WHEREAS, Approximately 4,000,000 Americans currently suffer  
9 from Alzheimer's disease, with this number increasing to nearly  
10 14,000,000 by the middle of the 21st century; and

1       WHEREAS, One in ten persons over 65 years of age and almost  
2 one-half of persons over 85 years of age have Alzheimer's  
3 disease; and

4       WHEREAS, Approximately one-half of all nursing home residents  
5 suffer from Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder; and

6       WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease causes severe physical,  
7 emotional and financial trauma for affected persons as well as  
8 their families and friends; and

9       WHEREAS, Despite the painstaking efforts of researchers and  
10 other advocates, medical science has yet to find a cure or  
11 treatment for Alzheimer's disease; and

12       WHEREAS, While a cure or treatment for the disease has yet to  
13 be found, its tragic effects have spurred scientists and  
14 physicians worldwide to intensify their research efforts; and

15       WHEREAS, Until that research is successful, the public must  
16 be provided with information about this disorder and ways must  
17 be found to ease the burden on patients, families and  
18 caregivers; therefore be it

19       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
20 month of November 2000 as "Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month"  
21 and urge all Pennsylvanians to become better informed about the  
22 disease and its impact.