

Senate Resolution 948

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and recognizing Thursday,  
2 February 13, 2014, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease  
5 and related dementias through the advancement of research and promotion of brain health  
6 and to enhance care and support for all individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their  
7 families and caregivers; and

8 WHEREAS, there are more than 120,000 Georgians diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease,  
9 being cared for by more than 495,000 caregivers for more than 563,000,000 hours of unpaid  
10 care; and

11 WHEREAS, we know that more than half of the individuals living with Alzheimer's disease  
12 have not yet been diagnosed; and

13 WHEREAS, one in seven Georgians 60 years old or older reports experiencing confusion or  
14 memory loss more often; and nearly 80 percent of them have not talked to a health care  
15 professional about their symptoms; and

16 WHEREAS, today there are no survivors of Alzheimer's; if you do not die from it, you die  
17 with it. One in every three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia; and

18 WHEREAS, persons living with Alzheimer's disease being served by the Georgia Chapter  
19 of the Alzheimer's Association and its staff shared their expertise and experience as advisors  
20 to the task force creating the Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 join together to commend the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for the

23 outstanding job it is doing to fight this terrible disease and to advocate for those living with  
24 the disease and recognize Thursday, February 13, 2014, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at  
25 the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's  
28 Association.