

Senate Resolution 130

By: Senators Strickland of the 42nd and Esteves of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 6, 2025, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, accounting for 60
4 to 80 percent of dementia cases; and

5 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging; it is a progressive brain
6 disease that gets worse over time and is the seventh leading cause of death in Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, more than 188,000 Georgians over age 65 are living with Alzheimer's disease
8 and 374,000 family caregivers bear the burden of the disease and have accumulated
9 approximately 755 million hours of unpaid care, valued at \$11.4 billion; and

10 WHEREAS, an increasing number of individuals are developing younger-onset Alzheimer's
11 disease, a form of the disease that occurs prior to age 65, which can be particularly difficult
12 on family dynamics and economics due to the early occurrence of the disease; and

13 WHEREAS, because Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are accompanied by memory
14 loss, changes in personality and behavior, and a tendency to wander, individuals with this

15 disease are at an increased risk for accidental injury, getting lost or disoriented, and being
16 abused, neglected, and exploited; and

17 WHEREAS, caregivers for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
18 experience a significant toll on their physical, mental, and financial health and often report
19 high levels of stress, anxiety, depression, and health problems; and

20 WHEREAS, there is an economic impact of Alzheimer's disease upon the business, medical,
21 and caregiver communities of Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this day be committed to increasing
23 awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias to address the needs of this growing
24 segment of Georgia's population.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize February 6, 2025, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
29 press.