

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 234

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Laura Bien-Musgrave for her efforts in the fight against Alzheimer's disease.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS, there are no known treatments to prevent, cure, or even delay the onset or slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 120,000 Tennesseans are currently battling this disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in Tennessee and the third-leading cause of death in Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association's Facts and Figures report, the cost to the State of caring for those with Alzheimer's disease was an estimated \$989 million in 2018; additionally, more than 435,000 caregivers provided 495 million hours of unpaid care in 2018, which is valued at \$6.252 billion; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize the individuals, families, friends, and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease, as well as the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, Laura Bien-Musgrave has devoted her time, talent, and resources to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; she has also provided education to families in Williamson County, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Laura Bien-Musgrave for her efforts and actions to improve the lives of those with Alzheimer's disease and the families who care for these individuals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.