

Rep. Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 318.

A resolution to declare September 2012 as Alzheimer's Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Alzheimer's Association is observing World Alzheimer's Month this September; and

Whereas, Due to the soaring global prevalence and costs of Alzheimer's disease worldwide, Michigan is recognizing the entire month of September as Alzheimer's Month; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease, the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, and the only cause of death among the top 10 in the country that cannot be prevented, cured, or even slowed, is a public health crisis causing hardship and heartbreak to many individuals, families, caregivers, and communities; and

Whereas, 5.4 million Americans are now living with Alzheimer's disease, with one additional person diagnosed every 68 seconds; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

Whereas, This fatal disease represents a serious and growing threat to the health of our state; and

Whereas, We recommit to improving its detection and treatment, finding a cure, and standing with all whose lives are affected by this terrible disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 2012 as Alzheimer's Month in the state of Michigan.