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HR\_\_\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 AS AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS  
AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known  
by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal  
neurodegenerative disease in which an individual's brain  
loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away the  
ability to walk, talk, eat, and, eventually, breathe; and

WHEREAS, every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with  
ALS and someone passes away from ALS; on average, patients  
diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the  
time of diagnosis; ALS has no cure; and

WHEREAS, individuals who have served in the military  
are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than  
those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable  
medical equipment, and communication technologies is of  
vital importance to people living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in  
evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and  
fostering assistive technologies for individuals living with  
ALS; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Ice  
Bucket Challenge through a renewed commitment to galvanize  
public awareness and support funding that leads to



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29 significant investments in ALS research; and

30 WHEREAS, the ALS Association, the largest  
31 philanthropic organization funding ALS research globally,  
32 has committed over \$154 million to support more than 550  
33 projects across the United States and 18 other countries;  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, our commitment to accelerating the pace of  
36 discovery remains unwavering, fueled by the hope that one  
37 day, ALS will be a livable disease for all those who suffer  
38 from it until it can be cured; and

39 WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's  
40 awareness of the dire circumstances of those individuals who  
41 suffer from ALS and acknowledges the terrible impact this  
42 disease has, not only on the individual, but on his or her  
43 family and the community, and recognizes the research being  
44 done to eradicate this disease; now therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
46 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the month of May 2024 is  
47 recognized as ALS Awareness Month, and all Alabamians are  
48 encouraged to join in supporting ALS research, advocating  
49 for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those  
50 individuals and their families who are affected by this  
51 relentless disease.