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