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Alzheimer's Resolution Passes Assembly and Senate

MADISON... Today, Representative Ken Skowronski's (R-Franklin) Joint Resolution recognizing June 2017 as Alzheimer's and Brain awareness month passed both houses of the Wisconsin State Legislature.

"It's important to recognize the devastating impact Alzheimer's and dementia has had on Wisconsin families. If you have a brain, you're at risk for developing Alzheimer's," Skowronski said. "In Wisconsin, there are currently, 110,000 people 65 years of age or older suffering with Alzheimer's disease, and that number is expected to rise to 130,000 by 2025. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in Wisconsin."

Every 66 seconds someone develops Alzheimer's disease.

Across the United States, the cost of caring for those with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia is estimated to be \$259 billion this year. Without a cure, that number will rise to over \$1 trillion dollars by mid-century.

"In June, we remember those with this terrible affliction," Skowronski continued. "The Alzheimer's Association encourages individuals to learn more about this incurable disease, wear purple, participate in any activity you love — or an activity loved by those affected on The Longest Day, June 21st, and shine a light on this deadly disease. I hope to introduce legislation this fall that will have a positive impact and help individuals and families afflicted by Alzheimer's disease."

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Representative Ken Skowronski has been elected since 2013. He is currently the Chairman on the Assembly committee on Veterans and Military Affairs. The 82nd Assembly district represents Franklin, Greendale, and parts of Greenfield.