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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR70230-LG-123 (03/28)

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Sponsors: Representative Faircloth.

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Referred to:

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED RESEARCH TO FIND A  
2 TREATMENT AND CURE FOR AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS),  
3 ALSO KNOWN AS LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE.

4 Whereas, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is better known as Lou Gehrig's  
5 disease; and

6 Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease that is characterized by  
7 degeneration of the cell bodies of the lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior  
8 horns of the spinal cord; and

9 Whereas, the initial symptom of ALS is weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially  
10 those of the extremities; and

11 Whereas, as ALS progresses, the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing,  
12 talking, and breathing; and

13 Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy, and the patient becomes a  
14 functional quadriplegic; and

15 Whereas, ALS does not affect a patient's mental capacity, so the patient remains  
16 alert and aware of the patient's loss of motor functions and of the inevitable outcome of  
17 continued deterioration and death; and

18 Whereas, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years  
19 from the time of diagnosis; and

20 Whereas, it is estimated that up to 30,000 Americans, including North Carolinians,  
21 may have ALS; and

22 Whereas, ALS has no known cause, no means of prevention, and no cure; Now,  
23 therefore,

24 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

25 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives supports all efforts to make the  
26 citizens of North Carolina aware of the dangers posed by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

27 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives urges the President of the United  
28 States and members of the United States Congress to ensure that research continues in order to  
29 find a treatment and, eventually, a cure for ALS.

30 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.



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