



1           WHEREAS, research indicates that military veterans are at a sixty percent greater  
2 risk of developing ALS than those who have not served in the military; and

3           WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has promulgated  
4 regulations to establish a presumption of service connection for ALS thereby presuming that  
5 the development of ALS was incurred or aggravated by a veteran's service in the military;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, a national ALS registry, administered by the Centers for Disease  
8 Control and Prevention, is currently identifying cases of ALS in the United States and may  
9 become the largest ALS research project ever undertaken; and

10           WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the  
11 awareness of the circumstances of living with ALS and acknowledges the terrible impact this  
12 disease has, not only on the patient receiving such a diagnosis, but also on his family and  
13 community; and

14           WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month also increases  
15 awareness of research being done to eradicate this dire disease.

16           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
17 recognize May 2015 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month".

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
19 memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional  
20 funding for research for the treatment and cure of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
22 secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of  
23 Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States  
24 Congress.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES