

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 21, 2016, as ALS Awareness Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease attacking the brain and spinal cord leading to the loss of the ability to walk, write, speak, swallow, and breathe, eventually leading to death; and

WHEREAS, nationally, two in 100,000 Americans are diagnosed each year, with Kentucky being higher than the national average with five to eight out of every 100,000 Kentuckians being diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, military veterans are twice as likely to develop ALS. Currently many research institutions across the country are studying this phenomenon and its causes, including the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association Kentucky Chapter has been a driving force in the Commonwealth in the fields of research, education, and support of people living with ALS and their loved ones. The Chapter strives to treat and cure ALS through global research and nationwide advocacy, and provides Kentuckians with the necessary care and support in their fight against ALS; and

WHEREAS, an individual has an average of two to five years to live upon diagnosis, with no cure yet discovered; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis has a 100 percent fatality rate;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes February 21, 2016, as ALS Awareness Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

➔Section 2. The Senate honors the good work of the ALS Association Kentucky Chapter and grants them best wishes as they continue to lead the fight against this

horrible disease.

→Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator C.B. Embry Jr. for delivery.