



2005 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 15

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1 **Relating to:** ALS Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's
3 disease, is a fatal progressive disorder that occurs when motor nerve cells in the
4 central nervous system cease functioning and die; and

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

7 Whereas, as ALS progresses the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing,
8 talking, and breathing; and

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

11 Whereas, ALS does not affect a patient's mental capacity, so that the patient
12 remains alert and aware of his or her loss of motor functions and the inevitable
13 outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

