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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Someone develops Alzheimer's disease every 66
3 seconds; and

4 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is on the rise with 5.4
5 million Americans currently living with the disease and an
6 estimated 16 million Americans projected to be diagnosed with
7 the disease by 2050; and

8 WHEREAS, Currently, 220,000 people in Illinois live with
9 the disease; there will be 260,000 in just 10 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease will cost Illinois \$1.53
11 billion in Medicaid funding in 2016; and

12 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of
13 death and an unrelenting, progressive condition that destroys
14 brain cells; currently, no cure or even a way to slow the
15 progression of the disease exists; Alzheimer's places
16 significant financial burdens on families and businesses, with
17 businesses losing billions a year in lost productivity and
18 replacement expenses for employees who miss work or quit to
19 care for a relative; and

20 WHEREAS, In Illinois in 2015, there were 590,000 Illinois

1 family members and friends who provided over 671 million hours
2 of unpaid care, valued at \$8.22 billion, to their loved ones
3 with Alzheimer's and other dementia; and

4 WHEREAS, The impact of Alzheimer's and other dementia on
5 Illinois families, the health care system, and society as a
6 whole is of great importance; the need for home and
7 community-based services for those with Alzheimer's is on the
8 rise and caregiver stress is at an all-time high; and

9 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a looming public health
10 crisis and we call upon all policymakers to join in the efforts
11 to raise awareness and to serve the hundreds of thousands of
12 persons with Alzheimer's and other dementia in Illinois, their
13 families, and caregivers; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 26, 2017 and 2018, Alzheimer's advocates
15 will speak up for the needs and rights of people with
16 Alzheimer's and their families and ask the Illinois General
17 Assembly to make Alzheimer's disease a priority public health
18 issue in the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 declare April 26, 2017 and 2018 as the "Annual Alzheimer's
22 Association Advocacy Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the Alzheimer's Association.