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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

4 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in
5 America, with costs soaring past a quarter trillion dollars;
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7 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is on the rise with 5.4
8 million Americans currently living with the disease and an
9 estimated 16 million Americans projected to be diagnosed with
10 the disease by 2050; and

11 WHEREAS, Currently, 220,000 people in Illinois live with
12 the disease; there will be 260,000 in just seven years; and

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

1 WHEREAS, In Illinois in 2016, there were 588,000 Illinois
2 family members and friends who provided over 670 million hours
3 of unpaid care, valued at \$8.47 billion, to their loved ones
4 with Alzheimer's and other dementias; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, On April 11, 2018, Alzheimer's advocates will
16 speak up for the needs and rights of people with Alzheimer's
17 and their families and ask the Illinois General Assembly to
18 make Alzheimer's disease a priority public health issue in the
19 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 declare April 11, 2018 as the "Annual Alzheimer's Association

1 Advocacy Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

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