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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois wish to honor G. Kent Barnheiser on the
4 occasion of his retirement from the Alzheimer's
5 Association-Greater Illinois Chapter after serving the Greater
6 Illinois Chapter from September 1994 to March 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, Kent retires as President and CEO of the
8 Alzheimer's Association-Greater Illinois Chapter in March
9 2007, after more than 12 years of leadership for the Chapter
10 and after more than 21 years as a member of the Alzheimer's
11 Association family; and

12 WHEREAS, Kent came to the chapter in September 1994, from
13 having worked the previous nine years as the first executive
14 director for the Alzheimer's Association-Orange County Chapter
15 in southern California and then as vice president of chapter
16 services at the Alzheimer's Association National Office in
17 Chicago, where he started the division; and

18 WHEREAS, During his tenure, the Greater Illinois Chapter
19 service area expanded from several counties in the metropolitan
20 Chicago area to 68 of the 102 counties in Illinois; the Chapter
21 has offices in Bloomington, Carterville, Chicago, Joliet,
22 Rockford, Skokie, and Springfield with staff now serving the

1 more than half million citizens of Illinois affected by
2 Alzheimer's who are in the chapter area, including 210,000
3 people with Alzheimer's disease, plus family members and
4 caregivers; and

5 WHEREAS, Kent's professional interest in Alzheimer's
6 disease and the Alzheimer's Association grew out a personal
7 connection with the disease, because both of his parents had
8 Alzheimer's disease; and

9 WHEREAS, Prior to his work with the Alzheimer's
10 Association, Kent taught middle school in Ohio and worked for
11 the Dayton, Ohio, YMCA as its executive director; he is a
12 graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, with a Bachelor's
13 degree in education; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate G. Kent Barnheiser on the occasion of his
17 retirement from the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Illinois
18 Chapter and thank him for his tremendous contribution to
19 helping the over 210,000 Illinoisans and their caregivers as
20 they live with the effects of Alzheimer's disease and other
21 related dementias; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Mr. G. Kent Barnheiser as a symbol of our
2 tremendous gratitude and esteem.