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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, More than 35 million people are living with
3 Alzheimer's and other dementia related diseases worldwide,
4 with 5.4 million in the United States and 210,000 in the State
5 of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Someone develops Alzheimer's disease every 69
7 seconds; it is now the sixth leading cause of death in the
8 United States; and

9 WHEREAS, By 2050 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer's
10 and someone will have developed the disease every 33 seconds,
11 unless something is done to combat Alzheimer's; and

12 WHEREAS, Currently, 14.9 million family members and
13 friends provide 17 billion hours of unpaid care to those with
14 Alzheimer's and other dementia related illnesses, care that is
15 valued at \$202.6 billion; and

16 WHEREAS, Costs to Medicaid are 9 times higher for a person
17 with Alzheimer's than for a person without Alzheimer's in the
18 same age group; and

19 WHEREAS, The Illinois Alzheimer Legislators Alliance, a
20 bipartisan alliance of State policy makers, is helping to make

1 this devastating disease a top priority in daily policy making;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois Alzheimer Legislators Alliance,
4 working closely with the Alzheimer's Association and others,
5 are raising awareness as to the impact Alzheimer's disease and
6 related dementias have on Illinois individuals and families,
7 communities, and the public health system; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we designate the month of November as Alzheimer's Disease
11 Awareness Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That citizens of the State of Illinois
13 acknowledge the increased need for State involvement in raising
14 awareness for Alzheimer's disease support, funding, and
15 research as the disease impacts individuals and families across
16 the State.