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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Someone develops Alzheimer's disease every 69
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, 210,000 people in Illinois live with
9 the disease; there will be 220,000 in 2020, and 240,000 in 15
10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is an unrelenting,
12 progressive condition that destroys brain cells, and currently
13 no cure exists; Alzheimer's places significant financial
14 burdens on families and businesses, with businesses losing
15 billions a year in lost productivity and replacement expenses
16 for employees who miss work or quit to care for a relative; and

17 WHEREAS, In Illinois in 2010, there were 579,505 Illinois
18 family members and friends who provided over 650 million hours
19 of unpaid care, valued at 7 billion dollars, to their loved
20 ones with Alzheimer's and other dementias; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, On March 27, 2012, Alzheimer's Advocates will
12 speak up for the needs and rights of people with Alzheimer's
13 and their families, and ask the Illinois legislature to make
14 Alzheimer's disease a priority public health issue in the
15 State; advocates will speak up for the needs and rights of
16 people with Alzheimer's and their families, and ask the
17 Illinois legislature to make Alzheimer's disease a priority
18 public health issue in the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we proclaim March 27, 2012 as the Annual Alzheimer's
22 Association Advocacy Day in the State of Illinois.