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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Someone develops Alzheimer's disease every 67  
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 260,000 in 10 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of  
11 death and an unrelenting, progressive condition that destroys  
12 brain cells, and currently no cure or even a way to slow the  
13 progression of the disease exists; Alzheimer's places  
14 significant financial burdens on families and businesses, with  
15 businesses losing billions a year in lost productivity and  
16 replacement expenses for employees who miss work or quit to  
17 care for a relative; and

18 WHEREAS, In Illinois in 2013, there were 587,000 Illinois  
19 family members and friends who provided over 668 million hours  
20 of unpaid care, valued at \$8.3 billion, to their loved ones  
21 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 11, 2015, 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 State  
15 of Illinois; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 proclaim March 11, 2015 as the Annual Alzheimer's Association  
19 Advocacy Day in the State of Illinois.