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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Illinois
3 recognizes that Alzheimer's disease is the 21st century's
4 health epidemic; and

5 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Illinois
6 recognizes that 10 million baby boomers in the United States
7 will develop Alzheimer's disease; and

8 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Illinois
9 recognizes that one in 8 baby boomers in America will develop
10 Alzheimer's; and

11 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Illinois
12 recognizes that Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause
13 of death in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, As a result of federally funded Alzheimer
15 research, treatments to delay, halt, or reverse the progression
16 of Alzheimer's disease are within reach; and

17 WHEREAS, New Alzheimer treatments would save millions of
18 baby boomers from Alzheimer's disease and yield \$60 billion in
19 annual Medicare and Medicaid savings within 5 years after a
20 breakthrough; and

1 WHEREAS, Federal funding to pursue Alzheimer research has
2 remained level for the past 4 years; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the members of the
6 Illinois delegation to the United States Congress to increase
7 fiscal year 2010 funding for Alzheimer research at the National
8 Institutes of Health by \$125 million to find treatments to
9 delay or reverse the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
12 to each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.