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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The financial exploitation of elderly Illinois
3 citizens continues to plague our State; and

4 WHEREAS, Studies indicate that one in nine senior citizens
5 reported some form of abuse, neglect, or exploitation in the
6 past 12 months; one in 20 older adults indicate some form of
7 perceived financial mistreatment in the recent past; 90% of
8 elderly abusers are family members; and

9 WHEREAS, Elderly financial exploitation is vastly
10 underreported with only one in 44 instances reported; and

11 WHEREAS, Financially abused seniors are more likely to turn
12 to Medicaid as a direct result of their funds being stolen; and

13 WHEREAS, Approximately 6.3 million older adults are in need
14 of some long-term care; and

15 WHEREAS, It is estimated that nearly 13 million elderly
16 citizens will access some form of long-term care by 2050; and

17 WHEREAS, Nearly 20% of senior citizens will incur more than
18 \$25,000 in out-of-pocket costs related to long-term care;
19 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 declare our intent to eradicate financial abuse of the elderly
4 in Illinois; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Department of Public
6 Health and the Illinois Department of Aging to work together to
7 produce educational materials for elderly citizens of Illinois
8 explaining their rights, the warning signs of financial
9 exploitation, and appropriate reporting methods; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That we urge the 13 Illinois Area Agencies on
12 Aging Ombudsperson programs to partner with long-term care
13 facilities in their respective regions to provide appropriate
14 educational information and reporting methods to clients and
15 patients on an annual basis; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois State Bar Association
17 Elder Law Section to work to develop appropriate legal
18 materials for long-term care facilities and State's Attorneys
19 that offer information on identifying and prosecuting
20 financial abuse of elderly citizens; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois State Medical Society

1 and the Illinois Nurses Association to provide their respective
2 members with appropriate educational materials to assist with
3 identifying and reporting suspected financial abuse of
4 Illinois' older citizens; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to the Illinois Department of Public Health, the
7 Illinois Department of Aging, the 13 Illinois Area Agencies on
8 Aging, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Illinois State
9 Medical Society, and the Illinois Nurses Association.