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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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 2009 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.