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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Someone develops Alzheimer's disease every 68  
3 seconds; and

4 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is on the rise, with more than  
5 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 an estimated 220,000 in 2020, and  
10 240,000 in 15 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is an unrelenting,  
12 progressive condition that destroys brain cells, with no  
13 currently known cure; 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 2010, there were 579,505 Illinois family  
18 members and friends who provided over 700 million hours of  
19 unpaid care - valued at \$7 billion - to their loved ones with  
20 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; we call upon all policymakers to join in the efforts to  
8 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 13, 2013, 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 General Assembly to  
14 make 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 General  
17 Assembly to make Alzheimer's disease a priority public health  
18 issue in the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we designate the date of March 13, 2013 as Annual Alzheimer's  
22 Association Advocacy Day in the State of Illinois.