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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, There are more than 20,000 family caregivers age 60 and over providing in-home and financial support to adult children with developmental disabilities in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It is projected that this number will increase each year due to major changes in the age composition of the nation's population because of lower birth rates, increased longevity, and overall improved health status; and

WHEREAS, It is projected that most individuals with developmental disabilities will have a life expectancy typical of other individuals, and many of them will reside with parents and other relatives in their own homes instead of in institutions; and

WHEREAS, These older family caregivers are providing a significant amount of in-home and financial support to their children with developmental disabilities, and many of these older family caregivers will soon be or are currently aging beyond their capacity to provide care to their adult children with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Studies have documented the need to locate, inform, and encourage these older family caregivers to accept services provided by both the aging and the disability networks; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United States Congress to amend the federal Older Americans Act to include older family caregivers of adult children with developmental disabilities as an eligible population to be served by the National Family Caregiver Support Program; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
2 each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.