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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Someone develops Alzheimer's disease every 68
3 seconds; that number will increase to every 33 seconds by 2050;
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5 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is on the rise, with more than
6 5.2 million Americans of all ages currently living with the
7 disease; and

8 WHEREAS, Over \$140 billion is spent on Alzheimer's disease
9 every year through Medicare and Medicaid; that number will rise
10 to \$1.2 trillion in 2050; and

11 WHEREAS, Currently, over 210,000 people in Illinois live
12 with the disease; there will be an estimated 14% increase in
13 the next 11 years; and

14 WHEREAS, The Alzheimer's Association and the Centers for
15 Disease Prevention's Healthy Aging Program have developed a
16 Road Map to advance cognitive health as a vital, integral
17 component of public health; and

18 WHEREAS, The Illinois Public Health Association and the
19 Alzheimer's Association issue a call to action for an effective
20 coordinated approach to moving cognitive health into public

1 health practice and developing partnerships and assuring a
2 competent workforce; and

3 WHEREAS, The impact of Alzheimer's and other dementia on
4 Illinois families, the health care system, and society as a
5 whole is of great importance; the need for home and
6 community-based services for those with Alzheimer's is on the
7 rise and caregiver stress is at an all-time high; and

8 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a looming public health
9 crisis and the need to address cognitive health and to meet the
10 needs of caregivers is growing daily; we call upon policymakers
11 to join in the efforts to raise awareness, promote cognitive
12 functioning and help meet the needs of caregivers and to
13 acknowledge the hundreds of thousands of persons with
14 Alzheimer's and other dementia in Illinois, their families, and
15 caregivers; and

16 WHEREAS, On April 2, 2014, Alzheimer's and public health
17 advocates will speak up for the needs and rights of persons
18 with cognitive impairment; these advocates ask the Illinois
19 General Assembly to make Alzheimer's disease a priority public
20 health issue in the State; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we designate the date of April 2, 2014 as Annual Alzheimer's
2 Association and Illinois Public Health Association Advocacy
3 Day in the State of Illinois.