By Senator Wise

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1	Senate Resolution
2	A resolution recognizing April 16-22, 2006, as
3	"Alzheimer's Disease Initiative Week."
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5	WHEREAS, there are 435,000 cases of probable
6	Alzheimer's disease in Florida, and
7	WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature created the
8	Alzheimer's Disease Initiative in 1985 to help families
9	dealing with Alzheimer's and related memory disorders by
10	providing a link between policy, research, and practice, and
11	WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative,
12	celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, has grown into a
13	statewide network that includes 15 regional memory disorder
14	clinics that conduct research and training in a diagnostic and
15	therapeutic setting, and
16	WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Respite Care Programs are
17	established in all of Florida's 67 counties, and
18	WHEREAS, four model day-care programs have been
19	established in conjunction with memory disorder clinics to
20	test therapeutic interventions for individuals living with
21	memory disorders and to provide training for health care and
22	social service personnel, and
23	WHEREAS, the State of Florida Alzheimer's Disease Brain
24	Bank is a service and research-oriented network involved in a
25	variety of research activities, and
26	WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 100,000
27	Floridians have received services from Alzheimer's Disease
28	Initiative programs during the last 10 years alone, and
29	WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee has
30	taken a leadership role in developing policy recommendations
31	and best-practice models to help educate Florida's elders,

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caregivers, and health care professionals concerning critical
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    issues affecting people with memory disorders, including an
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    ethics-based policy on driver safety and progressive dementia,
   a protocol for dealing with behavioral challenges and
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   catastrophic events in persons with dementia who are living in
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   nursing homes, and recommendations for the specialized-care
   needs of persons with Alzheimer's and related memory disorders
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   and their caregivers who are affected by natural disasters,
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   and
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           WHEREAS, the dedicated partners and stakeholders in the
   Alzheimer's Disease Initiative have been providing assistance
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    to people affected by Alzheimer's and related memory disorders
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    for more than 20 years, and
           WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative was the
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   only program of its kind in the nation when it was created in
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    1985, and it is still the only program of its kind in the
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   nation today, NOW, THEREFORE,
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   Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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           That the Senate recognizes the week of April 16-22,
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    2006, as "Alzheimer's Disease Initiative Week" in Florida.
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