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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 16-22, 2006, as  
3 "Alzheimer's Disease Initiative Week" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature created the Alzheimer's  
6 Disease Initiative in 1985 to help families dealing with  
7 Alzheimer's and related memory disorders by providing links  
8 connecting policy, research, and practice, and the initiative,  
9 celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, has grown into a  
10 statewide network that includes fifteen regional memory disorder  
11 clinics conducting research and training in diagnostic and  
12 therapeutic settings, and

13 WHEREAS, there are 435,000 cases of probable Alzheimer's  
14 disease in this state, and it is estimated that more than  
15 100,000 Floridians have received services from Alzheimer's  
16 Disease Initiative programs within the last 10 years alone, and

17 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's respite care programs are operating in  
18 all of the state's 67 counties; four model day care programs  
19 have been established in conjunction with memory disorder  
20 clinics to test therapeutic interventions for people living with  
21 memory disorders and to provide training for health care and  
22 social service personnel; and the Alzheimer's Disease Brain  
23 Bank, a service and research oriented network, is involved in a  
24 variety of research activities, and

25 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee has  
26 taken a leadership role in developing policy recommendations and  
27 best practice models to help educate Florida's elders,  
28 caregivers, and health care professionals about critical issues

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29 affecting people with memory disorders, including an ethics-  
30 based policy on driver safety and progressive dementia, a  
31 protocol for dealing with behavioral challenges and catastrophic  
32 events affecting persons with dementia who are living in nursing  
33 homes, and recommendations for specialized care needs for  
34 persons with Alzheimer's and related memory disorders and their  
35 caregivers who are affected by natural disasters, and

36 WHEREAS, the only program of its kind in the nation when it  
37 was established in 1985, the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative  
38 continues to maintain that distinction today, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
41 Florida:

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43 That the House of Representatives recognizes the week of  
44 April 16-22, 2006, as "Alzheimer's Disease Initiative Week" in  
45 Florida.