

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 2

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13 A Concurrent Resolution urging Congress to increase
14 federal funding for Alzheimer's disease research; and
15 directing distribution.

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17 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates
18 that there were 411,000 new cases of Alzheimer's disease in 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, nearly 73,000 Americans died of Alzheimer's disease in
20 2006; and

21 WHEREAS, experts predict that, as the Baby Boom generation ages,
22 the number of cases diagnosed each year will increase to half a
23 million by 2010 and almost a million by 2050; and
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1 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias account for
2 approximately one-third of the \$450 billion spent on Medicare
3 beneficiaries; and

4 WHEREAS, the majority of Alzheimer's disease care is provided by
5 loved ones, at an average cost to families of \$19,000 a year; and

6 WHEREAS, annual federal per-patient spending on West Nile Virus
7 research is \$15,564, while annual federal per-patient spending for
8 Alzheimer's disease research is only \$124; and

9 WHEREAS, at only \$650 million a year, federal funding for
10 Alzheimer's disease research is only a fraction of the \$2.9 billion
11 funded for HIV/AIDS research.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
13 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING THEREIN:

15 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges Congress to increase federal
16 funding for Alzheimer's disease research to a level that reflects the
17 impact of Alzheimer's disease on society.

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma's
19 Congressional delegation.

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