

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 2

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution urging Congress to increase  
8 federal funding for Alzheimer's disease research; and  
9 directing distribution.

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

13 WHEREAS, nearly 73,000 Americans died of Alzheimer's disease in  
14 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, experts predict that, as the Baby Boom generation ages,  
16 the number of cases diagnosed each year will increase to half a  
17 million by 2010 and almost a million by 2050; and

18 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias account for  
19 approximately one-third of the \$450 billion spent on Medicare  
20 beneficiaries; and

21 WHEREAS, the majority of Alzheimer's disease care is provided by  
22 loved ones, at an average cost to families of \$19,000 a year; and  
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1       WHEREAS, annual federal per-patient spending on West Nile Virus  
2 research is \$15,564, while annual federal per-patient spending for  
3 Alzheimer's disease research is only \$124; and

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

7       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
8 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
9 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

13       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma's  
14 Congressional delegation.

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