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H. RES. 177

Relating to the treatment of veterans with Alzheimer's disease.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BALDACCI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

RESOLUTION

Relating to the treatment of veterans with Alzheimer's
disease.

Whereas an estimated 30 percent of the patients in veterans
nursing home facilities suffer from Alzheimer's Disease
or some other form of dementia;

Whereas only a very small number of facilities exist that are
dedicated to treating patients with Alzheimer's disease
and to developing improved protocols to treat the dis-
order;

Whereas the aging of the United States veterans population
is expected to hinder the capability of traditional veterans
nursing home facilities to care for veterans with Alz-
heimer's disease; and

Whereas research indicates that the traditional nursing home
model may not provide the most effective method of

treating patients with Alzheimer's disease: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) in authorizing medical facility projects and
4 leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Con-
5 gress should authorize projects and leases for facili-
6 ties, in urban and rural locations, that are designed
7 specifically for purposes of treating veterans with
8 Alzheimer's disease and conducting research relating
9 to Alzheimer's disease;

10 (2) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should en-
11 courage innovation in the methods utilized by De-
12 partment health care personnel in treating veterans
13 with Alzheimer's disease; and

14 (3) the Secretary should encourage and facili-
15 tate the sharing of information on Alzheimer's dis-
16 ease among Department facilities and personnel.

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