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Missouri One Step closer to an Alzheimer's disease State Plan Task Force *House Bill 272 awaits Governor Nixon's signature*

(May 5, 2009) The Missouri General Assembly has passed legislation that establishes an **Alzheimer's Disease State Plan Task Force**. HB272, sponsored by Rep Chappelle Nadal from University City, now goes to Governor Nixon for his signature.

The nineteen member task force is designed to help Missouri confront the challenges of Alzheimer's by:

- ✓ Assessing the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease
- ✓ Examining existing services and resources for persons with dementia, their families, and caregivers
- ✓ Developing recommendations to respond to the escalating public health situation regarding Alzheimer's

The task force will look collectively at a number of issues including:

- ✓ Early stage and early onset Alzheimer's as well as Alzheimer's as a result of Down Syndrome
- ✓ Quality and coverage of long-term care services across the care continuum
- ✓ Public safety concerns
- ✓ Alzheimer research

The task force will outline its findings and delineate recommendations as a plan to be submitted to the General Assembly and Governor by November 15, 2010. The task force will continue to meet at the request of the chair to evaluate the implementation and impact of their recommendations.

For more detailed information, link to the bill language at:

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills091/biltxt/senate/0954S.05C.htm>

The Alzheimer's Association, St. Louis Chapter, serves 38 counties in eastern Missouri and western Illinois, offering numerous programs for those dealing with the many stages and issues of the disease. The Alzheimer's Association's mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. For additional information about the disease, family support or research, visit the Alzheimer's Association, St. Louis Chapter website at www.alzstl.org or call the 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

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