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Sen. Crowell Welcomes Alzheimer's Association to Capitol

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, this week welcomed to the Capitol representatives of the Missouri Alzheimer's Association from Southeast Missouri. The organization advocates for those who are affected by Alzheimer's. As of 2000, more than 110,000 Missourians were living with Alzheimer's, and that number is expected to increase 18 percent by 2025.

The organization's main goals are to promote research and secure enhanced care for those who have been diagnosed with the disease that impairs cognitive and behavioral processes. Crowell met with constituents involved with the Alzheimer's Association to discuss how to increase Alzheimer's awareness and advance key legislation.

"I commend the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association volunteers. Their efforts have resulted in significant improvements to the quality of state-supported services and nursing home care for those afflicted with Alzheimer's," Crowell said. "I share the desire to secure funding for research, so we can find ways to delay the disabling symptoms and hopefully someday prevent the disease altogether."

To join the advocacy efforts, e-mail carroll.rodriguez@alzstl.org with "Advocacy Network" in the subject line or call 1-800-980-9080.

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