

WASHINGTON – Today, the Alzheimer's Study Group, a panel established under the auspices of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's disease, released **A National Alzheimer's Strategic Plan: The Report of the Alzheimer's Study Group**. U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell, a member of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's, issued the following statement on the group's findings:

"Alzheimer's disease presents a national health crisis and we need to focus additional national attention on the issue. Investing in prevention and treatment research is essential to stopping this health crisis.

"I'm glad that the Alzheimer's Study Group has issued a comprehensive report that recommends several steps we can take to address this crisis. I commend the Study Group for its hard work.

"In addition to the Study Group's efforts, there is excellent work going on at home in Arizona by the Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium. The Consortium is made up of more than 100 researchers from different scientific disciplines and institutions working together to address problems in a full, complete and complex way.

"I'm proud that such important research is taking place here at home, and that such great strides are being taken toward the understanding, early detection, and prevention of Alzheimer's disease. I look forward to the day when we can find a cure and end the threat that this epidemic poses altogether."