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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Children and teens who have had a loved one pass  
3 away often feel alone in their grief, as if no one understands  
4 what they are going through; experiencing a death can be  
5 overwhelming for anyone, but it is especially difficult for  
6 those so young; and

7           WHEREAS, Grieving children need support, and the first step  
8 in that support is for those around them to become more aware  
9 of what they are going through; and

10           WHEREAS, Children's Grief Awareness Day is designed to help  
11 people become more aware of the needs of grieving children and  
12 the benefits that they can obtain through the support of  
13 others; and

14           WHEREAS, Observed on the third Thursday of every November  
15 (one week before the United States holiday of Thanksgiving),  
16 Children's Grief Awareness Day is intentionally set during the  
17 holiday season, often a particularly difficult time for those  
18 grieving the loss of a loved one; and

19           WHEREAS, In 2014, Children's Grief Awareness Day is  
20 November 20; and

1           WHEREAS, Children's Grief Awareness Day is an opportunity  
2 to raise awareness of the painful impact that the death of a  
3 loved one has in the life of a child; it is an opportunity for  
4 people to recognize and support the millions of grieving  
5 children across the nation; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we recognize the 2014 Children's Grief Awareness Day and urge  
9 those in the various communities throughout Illinois to use  
10 this occasion as an opportunity to make sure that grieving  
11 children receive the support they need; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the Highmark Caring Foundation as an expression of  
14 our esteem and respect.