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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Children who have had a loved one die, especially
3 a close family member or friend, can carry that loss with them
4 forever, causing confusion and fearfulness as they struggle to
5 understand why their loved one was taken away; and

6 WHEREAS, Grieving children often struggle to get over the
7 loss of a loved one, and, despite appearances, have intense
8 inner turmoil which often goes unrecognized; and

9 WHEREAS, Counseling provided by hospices, churches,
10 organizations, and grief counseling centers offers emotional
11 support for children struggling with grief, allowing them to
12 find guidance and understanding during an extremely difficult
13 time; and

14 WHEREAS, On November 17, 2011, citizens and communities
15 throughout Illinois are encouraged to wear blue in an effort to
16 raise awareness and show their support for grieving children
17 and the grief centers that seek to serve those young people
18 confounded by the reality of death; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we recognize November 17, 2011, as "Children's Grief Awareness

1 Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That all support agencies in the State of
3 Illinois that provide grief counseling support services to
4 children be recognized for their efforts to support children,
5 teens, families, and communities in coping with grief and the
6 death of a loved one.