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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the deaths of Abigail
4 Adelia Liefer, 19, and Hannah Marie Porter, 20, who were killed
5 in a car accident on January 10, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Both Abby Liefer and Hannah Porter were active
7 members of their community, working together at the YMCA in Red
8 Bud, and both were renowned by members of their community for
9 their generous spirits and for often going out of their way to
10 help those in need; and

11 WHEREAS, In an attempt to deal with her grief, Alison
12 Schubert, older sister of Abby Liefer, turned to Facebook,
13 creating an event calling on family, friends, and neighbors to
14 commit random acts of kindness in memory of Abby Liefer and
15 Hannah Porter on February 10, 2015, to help the families of
16 both girls on the one-month anniversary of their deaths; and

17 WHEREAS, The event quickly spread beyond the community in
18 which both girls lived, with people joining the Facebook event
19 from across the country and even outside of the United States,
20 including participants from locations as far away as the
21 Philippines, Wyoming, Florida, Colorado, and California; and

1 WHEREAS, Over ten thousand participants spread random acts
2 of kindness throughout the day and even in the days leading up
3 to and following the anniversary, handing out business cards as
4 the random acts were performed to explain that the kindness was
5 done in honor of Abby Liefer and Hannah Porter; and

6 WHEREAS, Community members who had random acts of kindness
7 bestowed upon them often passed the act of kindness along,
8 creating a chain of acts of kindness that extended far beyond
9 the families mourning the loss of Abby Liefer and Hannah
10 Porter; and

11 WHEREAS, Alison Schubert stated, "My biggest fear is that
12 everyone will move on. There will be another accident, another
13 loss, and people won't think about Abby and Hannah anymore. I
14 just want everyone to remember them. I don't want people to
15 ever forget"; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 honor the lives of Abigail Adelia Liefer and Hannah Marie
19 Porter, who touched so many in such a short amount of time; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we declare February 10, 2015 as "Abby &
22 Hannah's Random Act of Kindness Day" in the State of Illinois;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 presented to the families of Abby Liefer and Hannah Porter as
4 an expression of our deepest sympathy.