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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Grace Schell was a 15 year old high school
3 student athlete from Liberty; and

4 WHEREAS, Grace Schell tragically passed away in an ATV
5 accident on October 4, 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Grace Schell's hobbies included sports, dancing,
7 hunting, fishing, and meeting new people; she always had a
8 smile on her face and was full of compassion and joy; and

9 WHEREAS, Grace Schell loved her family, her friends, and
10 her boyfriend; she loved to help anyone in need by encouraging
11 them, inspiring them, or praying for them; and

12 WHEREAS, Grace Schell was deeply committed to her faith,
13 and her life was a reflection of love; her brief life taught
14 many people to be the best version of themselves, to be kind,
15 to be generous, to be willing to go the extra mile for someone,
16 to respect and love their neighbors, to smile, to laugh, and to
17 care about those around them; and

18 WHEREAS, Grace Schell's parents and family are devastated
19 by her passing; her parents are certain that because of her
20 death many people have been inspired to live their lives

1 differently by following her example; and

2 WHEREAS, Grace Schell's life and early death inspired the
3 #BeLikeGrace movement; this movement encourages people to
4 extend grace and kindness to all in the situations of daily
5 life; and

6 WHEREAS, The #BeLikeGrace movement has made its way across
7 the United States and to three different countries; therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare October 4,
11 2021 as #BeLikeGrace Day in order to commemorate the one year
12 anniversary of Grace Schell's death and the ongoing impact of
13 her life; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Grace Schell as a symbol of our
16 respect for her legacy of kindness.