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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Olivia
4 Kresach, who passed away on April 19, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Olivia Kresach was born on May 17, 1991; she was
6 the daughter of Dan and Meg Kresach; and

7 WHEREAS, Olivia Kresach graduated from Lincoln-Way East
8 High School in 2009; she was a lifelong dancer and a member of
9 Willow Street Dance Company in Mokena; she was also a diver and
10 an avid downhill skier in high school; and

11 WHEREAS, While at the University of Illinois at Chicago,
12 Olivia Kresach took up yoga and became an instructor; she was
13 also studying to become a registered dietician when she was
14 diagnosed with glioblastoma, a highly aggressive and malignant
15 type of brain tumor that ultimately took her life; and

16 WHEREAS, Olivia Kresach is missed by all who knew her; she
17 had a contagious laugh and was always seen smiling; and

18 WHEREAS, After Olivia Kresach passed away on April 19,
19 2014, her parents, Dan and Meg, dedicated their lives to
20 defeating not only glioblastoma, the killer disease that took

1 their daughter and only child, but all kinds of brain cancer;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Dan and Meg have joined forces with the newly
4 formed organization Brain Up, an organization dedicated solely
5 to seeking cures for the toughest types of brain cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Dan, Meg, and the Brain Up organization are
7 working together to advance scientific research, increase
8 awareness within the medical community, and support the
9 patients, families, and caregivers affected by this
10 devastating disease; and

11 WHEREAS, The members of this body commend the State of
12 Louisiana for the passage of House Concurrent Resolution 38,
13 which established May 9 as Louisiana Gray Day to further
14 progress brain cancer awareness; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of
18 Olivia Kresach; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That, in recognition of the work of Brain Up and
20 the continued need to recognize and bring awareness to brain
21 cancer, we designate May 17, 2016 as Gray Day in the State of

1 Illinois; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 delivered to the family of Olivia Kresach as an expression of
4 our sympathy.