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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Grace Wasielewski on the  
4 occasion of her placing first for women in her age group at the  
5 2024 London Marathon; and

6           WHEREAS, Grace Wasielewski placed first in women aged 70  
7 to 74 years old at the London Marathon on April 21, 2024,  
8 finishing with a time of 3 hours, 43 minutes, and 3 seconds;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Grace Wasielewski is currently ranked number one  
11 in the world for women in her age group; her latest victory  
12 marks her fifth age group career win at a World Major Marathon,  
13 with her previous successes occurring at the 2010 and 2013  
14 Chicago Marathons, the 2018 New York Marathon, and the 2019  
15 Boston Marathon; and

16           WHEREAS, Grace Wasielewski started running recreationally  
17 with her friends in her 30s before deciding to run the Chicago  
18 Marathon on a whim; over the course of her running career, she  
19 has completed over 100 marathons, including attaining sub-four  
20 hour marathon finishes in every U.S. state, being named the  
21 fastest female finisher at the Prince of Wales Island Alaska  
22 Marathon in 2015, and winning the Female Senior Grandmaster

1 category at the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) National  
2 10 Mile Championship in 2022; and

3 WHEREAS, Grace Wasielewski is a longtime member of the  
4 Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA), an organization that  
5 administers the CARA Chicago Racing Circuit, which is a series  
6 of 15 of the most competitive races around the Chicago area;  
7 she has won her age group on the CARA circuit almost every year  
8 since 2008, excluding placing second in 2021, and she was  
9 inducted into the CARA Hall of Fame in 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, Grace Wasielewski, a resident of Prospect  
11 Heights, runs with the Schaumburg-based Fast Track racing  
12 team, a 200-member group of runners of all paces and  
13 abilities; she has served as a leader of the team since 2009,  
14 and she currently serves as treasurer and a pace group leader;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS Grace Wasielewski is an inspiration to many,  
17 serving as an great example that consistent hard work can make  
18 it possible to become a champion at any age; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we congratulate Grace Wasielewski on placing first for women  
22 in her age group of 70 to 74 years old at the 2024 London

1 Marathon, commend her for incredible accomplishments in the  
2 field of competitive running, and wish her continued success;  
3 and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Grace Wasielewski as a symbol of our esteem and  
6 respect.