

Senate Resolution 1143

By: Senators Millar of the 40th, Henson of the 41st and Parent of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life and memory of Grace Bunke; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of an extraordinary young woman with the
3 passing of Grace Bunke; and

4 WHEREAS, Grace Bunke was born in Marietta, Georgia, on March 26, 2003, a beloved
5 daughter, sister, and friend; and

6 WHEREAS, at the age of 11, Grace was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, which she
7 courageously battled through three relapses; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout her battle with cancer, Grace exemplified extraordinary faith,
9 courage, and strength of spirit; and

10 WHEREAS, in May, 2016, Grace began competing with U.S. Paralympics Swimming at the
11 Cincinnati Para-Swimming Open, and was internationally classified at the Can-Am in
12 Gatineau, Quebec, in July, 2016; and

13 WHEREAS, in September, 2017, Grace swam at Lake Lanier to raise money for the Aflac
14 Cancer and Blood Disorders Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in the Atlanta Open
15 Water Swim for Swim Across America, where she completed the one-mile swim and was
16 the top individual fundraiser for Aflac; and

17 WHEREAS, Grace dedicated herself to sharing her story and raising money for research to
18 help other children fighting cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, Grace's passion for running and swimming and her love for her family and
20 friends were not hindered by her circumstances; and

21 WHEREAS, as she was known for her joy, her courage, and her determination in the face
22 of her battle with osteosarcoma, Grace earned the title, "Amazing Grace"; and

23 WHEREAS, on March 25, 2018, Grace passed away, and in the days after her premature
24 passing, family, friends, and hundreds of supporters across the country expressed their grief
25 for this tremendous loss; and

26 WHEREAS, Grace will long be remembered for her love of life, family, and friendship and
27 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 celebrate the life and bravery of Grace Bunke and express their deepest and most sincere
30 regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
33 Grace Bunke.