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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G.
2 Thompson has designated April 2003 as Donate Life Month to heighten
3 awareness of the critical need for organ donations across this
4 nation; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2002 alone, more than 6,000 Americans, including
6 430 Texans, died while awaiting organ donations, and this year over
7 5,200 residents of the Lone Star State and 80,000 people nationwide
8 are waiting for life-saving donations; and

9 WHEREAS, Through its Donate Life campaign, the Texas
10 Transplantation Society seeks to promote knowledge of the vital
11 need for organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donation in our state; to
12 that end, the organization has invited transplant physicians,
13 surgeons, nurses, recipients, organ donors, and family members of
14 donors to visit the State Capitol on this day to draw attention to
15 this serious health issue; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize April 15, 2003, as Transplant Day at
18 the State Capitol and commend the Texas Transplantation Society and
19 its supporters for their significant efforts to highlight the
20 urgent need for organ donations in Texas; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the house of representatives also commend all
22 those compassionate Texans who have chosen to share the gift of life
23 with others as organ donors and encourage all Texans to consider
24 making this important choice in behalf of their fellow citizens.