

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 392

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate is proud to pay tribute to the men and women who have donated organs so that others might live and to the Texas Transplantation Society, which seeks to promote and facilitate transplantation within the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Transplantation Society has invited transplant physicians, surgeons, nurses, organ recipients, living donors, and family members of donors to the State Capitol today to draw attention to the shortage of organ donors; and

WHEREAS, More than 80,000 men, women, and children nationwide are currently awaiting transplants of life-saving organs, and the number increases daily; and

WHEREAS, More than 5,200 men, women, and children in Texas are awaiting life-saving transplants; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, more than 6,000 people died last year while waiting for a life-saving transplant, and 430 people died while waiting in Texas; and

WHEREAS, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson has designated the month of April as Donate Life Month; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Donate Life campaign is to help raise public awareness of the critical need for organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby proclaim April as Donate Life Month in the State of Texas and April 15, 2003, as Transplant Day at the State Capitol and commend the Texas Transplantation Society and its supporters for their significant efforts to highlight this important health concern; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Transplantation Society as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 15, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate