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H.C.R. No. 195

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas was blessed when Jeramie Espinoza, the loving  
2 son of Gabriel and Sylvia Espinoza, and the beloved brother of  
3 Gabriel Espinoza, Jr., was born, bringing immeasurable joy and love  
4 to his family and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Espinoza was a credit to himself, his family,  
6 and his state, becoming an accomplished student, athlete, and  
7 musician, with a tremendous future awaiting him at the young age of  
8 18 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Having signed up for patriotic service in the United  
10 States Navy, Mr. Espinoza was going to put his talents and skills  
11 into action helping defend his beloved country and promoting the  
12 ideals of freedom worldwide; and

13 WHEREAS, In what can only be characterized as inspiration  
14 from God, he surprised his family one evening when he told them that  
15 in the event of his death, they should donate his organs so others  
16 would be spared terrible suffering and death; and

17 WHEREAS, His mother clearly recalled his words that evening:  
18 "We were watching a health channel, and a commercial came on about  
19 organ donations, and we asked him what he thought," she said. "He  
20 told us, 'I won't need my organs when I go, but if I can help someone  
21 else and give them a second chance, that's what I want. Besides,  
22 right now I am already donating blood'"; and

23 WHEREAS, Many people in Texas and across the nation are  
24 desperate for organ donations, but too few people become donors,

1 and it is remarkable that a young man just about to enter the prime  
2 of his life would consider becoming an organ donor; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Espinoza's love for his fellow man and woman  
4 would profoundly manifest itself a few weeks later, when in the  
5 spring of 2003, he died in an automobile accident in which he was a  
6 passenger, bringing an incalculable loss to his family and many  
7 friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Espinoza's selflessness, generosity, and  
9 courage were reflected by his parents and brother, who under the  
10 most traumatic conditions, made the decision to honor his desire to  
11 be an organ donor; and

12 WHEREAS, Immediately following his passing, his kidneys,  
13 heart, liver, and lungs were recovered, thus bringing life and  
14 eliminating terrible suffering for five people, including several  
15 Texans and their families, whom he never met, but who will never  
16 forget him and his family; and

17 WHEREAS, So unique was this fine young man's wish that he was  
18 only one of 18 donors that year in the Rio Grande Valley, a  
19 metroplex with more than one million residents; now, therefore, be  
20 it

21 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby honor the life of Jeramie Espinoza and extend sincere  
23 sympathy to the members of his family: to his parents, Gabriel  
24 Espinoza, Sr., and Sylvia Espinoza, and to his brother, Gabriel  
25 Espinoza, Jr.; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be  
26 it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
3 Jeramie Espinoza.