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H.R. No. 691

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

10 WHEREAS, More than 87,000 men, women, and children nationwide
11 are currently awaiting transplants of life-saving organs, and the
12 number increases daily; of those waiting, over 5,800 reside in
13 Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, Nationally, more than 6,000 people died last year
15 while waiting for a life-saving transplant, and almost 400 people
16 died while waiting in Texas; and

17 WHEREAS, It is the goal of the Texas Transplantation Society
18 to educate Texans about the critical shortage of donors and the
19 life-saving benefits of transplantation; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize March 8, 2005, as Transplant Day at
22 the State Capitol and commend the Texas Transplantation Society and
23 the Organ Procurement Organizations of Texas for their significant
24 efforts to highlight this important health concern; and, be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives also
3 commend all those compassionate Texans who have chosen to share the
4 gift of life with others as organ donors and encourage all Texans to
5 consider making this important choice in behalf of their fellow
6 citizens; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Texas Transplantation Society as an expression of
9 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.