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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April is National Donate Life Month, and on April
2 17, 2007, the Texas Transplantation Society has invited transplant
3 physicians, surgeons, nurses, organ recipients, donors, and family
4 members of donors to celebrate Donate Life Texas Day at the Capitol;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, During the month of April, people across the state
7 and nation are making special efforts to recognize those who have
8 saved lives by becoming organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donors and
9 to encourage other Americans to follow their fine example; although
10 the decision to donate is often difficult, this compassionate
11 gesture has the power to grant second chances to those in need; and

12 WHEREAS, The TTS and the Department of State Health Services
13 strive to educate all Texans about the critical shortage of organ
14 donors and the lifesaving benefits of transplantation; more than
15 95,000 men, women, and children nationwide, including more than
16 7,000 Texans, are anxiously awaiting organs for lifesaving
17 transplants, and this number grows daily; meanwhile, thousands of
18 patients will die before a donor becomes available; and

19 WHEREAS, The 79th Legislature created the D.E.A.R. Program of
20 Texas, which in conjunction with the DSHS, the Texas Department of
21 Transportation, the Department of Public Safety, and the private
22 sector, allows Texans to register their intent to donate organs,
23 tissue, or eyes in the event of death; the Honorable Glenda Dawson,
24 the recipient of a kidney donation, understood firsthand the urgent

1 need for organ donors; drawing on her own personal experience, she
2 worked to inform others of the crucial benefits of transplantation,
3 and her story remains an inspiration to countless people; members
4 of the legislature are working to honor the late representative's
5 legacy by renaming the D.E.A.R. program the Glenda Dawson Donate
6 Life-Texas registry; and

7 WHEREAS, Myriad state employees are involved in the effort to
8 promote organ donation, including the men and women on the front
9 lines of DPS driver's license offices and TxDOT tax offices who
10 daily communicate to the public the benefits of transplantation;
11 moreover, medical professionals and members of the Texas
12 Transplantation Society play an important role in facilitating
13 transplants; and

14 WHEREAS, Those visiting the Capitol today come together to
15 honor an act of tremendous generosity and selflessness, and their
16 tireless efforts in support of organ donation help bring transplant
17 patients closer to realizing their wishes for longer and healthier
18 lives; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize April as National Donate Life Month,
21 commend the many individuals who have chosen to become organ
22 donors, and encourage all Texans to consider giving the gift of life
23 through organ donation.