

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Since opening in 1991, the South Texas Blood &  
2 Tissue Center National Marrow Donor Program has continually set  
3 records for registering potential donors, and in its 17th year of  
4 service, it registered a record 16,635 donors; and

5           WHEREAS, The program has also played an increasingly critical  
6 role in matching donors and recipients, resulting in some 479  
7 marrow and peripheral stem cell transplants, and it has further  
8 distinguished itself through its registry of Hispanic donors, one  
9 of the largest of its kind in the United States; and

10           WHEREAS, In 2008, STBTC celebrated a major achievement, when  
11 the National Marrow Donor Program designated it an official  
12 Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Collection Center; after stem cells are  
13 collected and processed at STBTC, they are hand delivered by staff  
14 to hospitals across the globe for transplantation in matching  
15 patients; and

16           WHEREAS, A source of hope and renewed health for countless  
17 people, the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center National Marrow Donor  
18 Program serves patients throughout the United States and beyond,  
19 and its significant lifesaving efforts are indeed worthy of special  
20 recognition; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
22 Legislature hereby honor the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center  
23 National Marrow Donor Program on its record-setting donor registry  
24 and extend sincere best wishes for continued success to all those

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1 associated with this vital organization; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center National Marrow  
4 Donor Program as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
5 Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1512 was adopted by the House on April 30, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House