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H.R. No. 371

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, National Donor Day is taking place on February 14,  
2 2017, and this occasion offers an opportunity to recognize a group  
3 of Central Texas residents whose recent experiences reflect the  
4 profound and positive impact that organ donation can have on those  
5 who are involved in this life-giving process; and

6           WHEREAS, Emily Chenevert, who works for the Austin Board of  
7 Realtors, and her husband, Hunter Chenevert, who is employed as a  
8 nurse, became the parents of a son, Barrett, who suffered from a  
9 congenital medical condition; he experienced total renal failure  
10 shortly after birth and underwent surgery so that he could begin  
11 dialysis treatments; at 13 months of age, he was approved for a  
12 kidney transplant but was placed on a waiting list, as neither his  
13 mother nor father was an eligible donor; and

14           WHEREAS, Lydia Clay of Austin learned about Barrett's  
15 situation after meeting Ms. Chenevert while both women were taking  
16 part in the 2016 Leadership Austin program; having lost her father  
17 in 2008 while he was on a waiting list for a liver transplant,  
18 Ms. Clay was inspired to help the Cheneverts and volunteered to  
19 undergo testing to see if she was a compatible donor for Barrett;  
20 after the tests showed that she was an appropriate match, the  
21 surgery was scheduled, and the successful kidney transplant took  
22 place on November 17, 2016, in San Antonio; and

23           WHEREAS, Now two years old, Barrett is enjoying a healthier  
24 and happier childhood under the loving care of his parents; he is

1 currently attending speech therapy and is fond of playing outside  
2 and watching his favorite show, *Sesame Street*; Ms. Clay is  
3 continuing her career as a project manager with the Momark housing  
4 firm and is also serving as an advocate for organ donation, an  
5 undertaking that she considers a fitting tribute to her father; and

6 WHEREAS, Lydia Clay and the Chenevert family joined together  
7 to respond to an urgent medical dilemma, and their story stands as  
8 an outstanding example of the good that can be accomplished through  
9 organ donation; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby honor Lydia Clay and Barrett, Emily, and Hunter  
12 Chenevert on the occasion of National Donor Day and urge all Texans  
13 to find out more about the actions they can take to support the  
14 organ donation process; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Ms. Clay and the Chenevert family as an expression of  
17 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.