

1-1 By: Wu, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado) H.C.R. No. 42
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 2, 2019;
 1-3 April 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 3, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 3, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hughes	X			
1-8 Fallon	X			
1-9 Huffman			X	
1-10 Johnson	X			
1-11 Menéndez			X	
1-12 Nichols			X	
1-13 Zaffirini	X			

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Organ, bone marrow, and blood donations play an
 1-17 essential role in a broad range of critical medical treatments, and
 1-18 citizens across the Lone Star State can do their part by registering
 1-19 to become donors and by taking part in local blood drives; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Although 95 percent of Americans support organ
 1-21 donation, only about half are signed up to be donors, and only 2
 1-22 percent of the population is on the national registry for bone
 1-23 marrow; moreover, while an estimated 38 percent of U.S. residents
 1-24 are eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent of that group
 1-25 actually does so each year; and

1-26 WHEREAS, In Texas, registering to become an organ donor is a
 1-27 simple and straightforward process; more than 11 million state
 1-28 residents have already joined the registry, thanks in part to the
 1-29 efforts of the Donate Life Texas organization; DLT works in
 1-30 conjunction with the Texas Department of Public Safety to enable
 1-31 Texans to register as part of the driver's license application and
 1-32 renewal process; in addition, there are numerous centers for bone
 1-33 marrow and blood donation throughout the state, and some employers,
 1-34 including the State of Texas, offer time off or other incentives to
 1-35 encourage donation; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Many individuals have devoted themselves to
 1-37 furthering the donation effort, and Dr. Anh Nguyen Reiss stands as
 1-38 a particularly inspiring example; a Houston physician who was
 1-39 diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome, Dr. Reiss dedicated the
 1-40 last years of her life to spreading awareness of the need for bone
 1-41 marrow donors; though she passed away on February 26, 2016, at the
 1-42 age of 48, she and her family and friends helped more than double
 1-43 the number of Vietnamese donors on the registry; and

1-44 WHEREAS, By taking the necessary steps to become donors,
 1-45 Texans can be part of a life-saving process that benefits countless
 1-46 men, women, and children each year, and the anniversary of
 1-47 Dr. Reiss's death serves as a fitting date to focus attention on
 1-48 this important issue; now, therefore, be it

1-49 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-50 hereby designate February 26 as Bone Marrow, Blood, and Organ
 1-51 Donation Registry Day; and, be it further

1-52 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
 1-53 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
 1-54 until the 10th anniversary of the date that this resolution is
 1-55 finally passed by the legislature.

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