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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bone Marrow, Blood, and Organ Donation Registry Day
2 is being observed in Texas on February 26, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Each year, Bone Marrow, Blood, and Organ Donation
4 Registry Day encourages citizens across the Lone Star State to
5 register to become donors and to participate in local blood drives;
6 while donations play an essential role in a broad range of critical
7 medical treatments, only approximately three percent of the U.S.
8 population is on the national registry for bone marrow, and only
9 about half of Americans are signed up to be organ donors; moreover,
10 while an estimated 37 percent of U.S. residents are eligible to
11 donate blood, less than 10 percent of that group actually does so
12 each year; and

13 WHEREAS, A single organ donor can save up to eight lives and
14 enhance the lives of more than 75 others; there are currently over
15 103,000 individuals on the national transplant waiting list, with a
16 new name added every eight minutes; although there are more than
17 46,000 transplants performed annually, 17 people die each day while
18 waiting for organs to become available; and

19 WHEREAS, Bone Marrow, Blood, and Organ Donation Registry Day
20 was initiated to honor Dr. Anh Nguyen Reiss, a Houston physician who
21 was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome and who dedicated the
22 last years of her life to raising awareness of the need for bone
23 marrow donors; though she passed away on February 26, 2016, at the
24 age of 48, she and her family and friends helped more than double

1 the number of Vietnamese donors on the registry; on May 29, 2019,
2 Governor Greg Abbott signed a bill of the 86th Texas Legislature to
3 designate February 26 as Bone Marrow, Blood, and Organ Donation
4 Registry Day; and

5 WHEREAS, Bone marrow, blood, and organ donation can give hope
6 to countless Americans for longer, healthier lives, and this worthy
7 cause is one that deserves the earnest support of every citizen;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate Bone Marrow, Blood, and Organ
11 Donation Registry Day 2025 and encourage all Texans to give blood
12 and to sign up to become organ and bone marrow donors.