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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ARKANSAS.

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WHEREAS, despite continuing advances in medicine and technology, the need for organs and tissue is vastly greater than the number available; and

WHEREAS, currently, nearly 124,000 men, women, and children are awaiting organ transplants in the United States; and

WHEREAS, another name is added to the national organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes; and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of people die while waiting for a transplant because no suitable donor can be found for them; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be a potential donor regardless of age, race, or medical history; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the donor or the donor's family for organ or tissue donations; and

WHEREAS, organs and tissues from 1 donor can save or help as many as 50 people,



NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly finds the need of organ donation to be deserving of public attention and declares April 2015 as Organ Donation Month in Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to representatives from Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency, Mid-South Transplant Foundation, Mid-America Transplant Services, and Southwest Transplant Alliance, which are the four organ procurement organizations serving the State of Arkansas to increase organ donation.