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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF STEM CELL DONOR MATCH  
TESTING AND STEM CELL DONORS IN COMBATTING ACUTE  
LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA.

### Subtitle

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IN COMBATTING ACUTE LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA.

WHEREAS, in 2022 there were approximately six thousand five hundred (6,500) new cases of Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia in the United States and there were approximately one thousand three hundred (1,300) deaths from Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia; and

WHEREAS, Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia is a type of cancer of the blood and bone marrow – the spongy tissue inside bones where blood cells are made; and

WHEREAS, Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia is the most common type of cancer in children, and treatments result in a good chance for a cure; and

WHEREAS, Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia can also occur in adults, though the chance of a cure is greatly reduced; and

WHEREAS, stem cell donor testing is important in our efforts to cure Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, six-year old Jaylan Weatherspoon of McGehee, Arkansas



was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia; and

WHEREAS, it took only two (2) weeks once Jaylan Weatherspoon was placed on the national donor list for a stem cell donor match to be found; and

WHEREAS, through the generosity of a stem cell donor, Jaylan Weatherspoon received a stem cell transplant; and

WHEREAS, thirteen (13) years later, Jaylan Weatherspoon is cancer-free, is a senior at White Hall High School, owns two (2) businesses, and obtained his real estate license; and

WHEREAS, Jaylan's success story underlies the importance of stem cell donor match testing and stem cell donations,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize the importance of stem cell donor match testing and stem cell donors in combatting Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the House of Representatives encourage the citizens of the State of Arkansas to participate in stem cell donor testing.