

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 210

Designating February 14, 2002, as “National Donor Day”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2002

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. FRIST, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. TORRICELLI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DODD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating February 14, 2002, as “National Donor Day”.

Whereas more than 80,000 individuals await organ transplants at any given moment;

Whereas another man, woman, or child is added to the national organ transplant waiting list every 13 minutes;

Whereas despite progress in the last 16 years, more than 16 people die each day because of a shortage of donor organs;

Whereas almost everyone is a potential donor of organs, tissue, bone marrow, or blood;

Whereas transplantation has become an element of mainstream medicine that prolongs and enhances life;

Whereas for the fifth consecutive year, a coalition of health organizations is joining forces for National Donor Day;

Whereas the first 3 National Donor Days raised a total of nearly 30,000 units of blood, added more than 6,000 potential donors to the National Marrow Donor Program Registry, and distributed tens of thousands of organ and tissue pledge cards;

Whereas National Donor Day is America's largest 1-day organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation event; and

Whereas a number of businesses, foundations, and health organizations and the Department of Health and Human Services have designated February 14, 2002, as National Donor Day: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideas of National  
3       Donor Day;

4               (2) encourages all Americans to learn about the  
5       importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood  
6       donation and to discuss such donation with their  
7       families and friends; and

8               (3) requests that the President issue a procla-  
9       mation calling on the people of the United States to  
10      conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and pro-  
11      grams to demonstrate support for organ, tissue,  
12      bone marrow, and blood donation.

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