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H. RES. 315

Expressing support for the designation of April 2019 as “National Donate Life Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. COHEN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. HECK, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. COSTA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Ms. DELBENE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of April 2019 as
“National Donate Life Month”.

Whereas, in April 2019, over 113,000 individuals were on the official waiting list managed for organ donation by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network established under section 372 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274) (referred to in this resolution as the “national transplant waiting list”);

Whereas in 2018, 36,529 transplant procedures were performed with organs from 10,721 deceased donors and 6,841 living donors, yet on average, 20 people die each day while waiting for an organ donation;

Whereas over 145,000,000 people in the United States are registered to be organ and tissue donors, yet the demand for donated organs outweighs the supply of organs made available each day;

Whereas, in 2018, a record was set for the number of organ transplants performed in a single year, for the sixth consecutive year, yet every 10 minutes, 1 person is added to the national transplant waiting list;

Whereas an organ donation from a single deceased donor can benefit up to 8 individuals, and tissue donation can benefit an additional 75 or more;

Whereas a living donor can donate a kidney or a portion of a lung or the liver to save the life of another individual; and

Whereas April is traditionally recognized as “National Donate Life Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Donate Life Month;

4 (2) supports promoting awareness of organ and
5 tissue donation by increasing public awareness;

6 (3) encourages States, localities, and territories
7 of the United States to support the goals and ideals
8 of National Donate Life Month by issuing a procla-
9 mation to designate “National Donate Life Month”;

10 (4) commends each individual who—

1 (A) is a registered organ and tissue donor
2 who may have a positive impact on the life of
3 another individual; or

4 (B) indicates a wish to become an organ
5 and tissue donor;

6 (5) acknowledges the grief of families who face
7 the loss of loved ones and commends the families
8 who, in their grief, choose to donate the organs and
9 tissues of deceased family members;

10 (6) recognizes the generous contribution made
11 by each living individual who has donated an organ
12 or tissue to save and enhance the life of another in-
13 dividual;

14 (7) acknowledges the advances in medical tech-
15 nology that have enabled organ transplantation with
16 organs donated by living individuals to become a via-
17 ble treatment option for an increasing number of pa-
18 tients;

19 (8) commends the medical professionals and
20 organ donation and transplantation experts who
21 have worked to improve the deceased and living
22 organ donation and increase the number of deceased
23 and living donors and thus save more lives; and

1 (9) salutes each individual who has helped to
2 give the gift of life by supporting, promoting, and
3 encouraging organ donation.

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