

By Senator King

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See HB 9155

1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution recognizing June 21-24, 2000, as
3 "U.S. Transplant Games 2000 Days."
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5 WHEREAS, the success of the 2000 U.S. Transplant Games
6 depends largely on the commitment made by the Florida Chapter
7 of the National Kidney Foundation, Florida's organ and tissue
8 procurement organizations, the Minority Organ Tissue
9 Transplant Education Program, the Transplant Recipients
10 International Organization, the Marrow Donor Program, and the
11 Florida Coalition on Donation, and

12 WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation is the world's
13 largest organization promoting organ and tissue donation, and
14 the leader in organ donation programs for transplant
15 recipients, donor families, and the professionals who care for
16 them, and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Florida Organ and Tissue Donor
18 Education Program, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
19 Vehicles, and the Department of Education are charged by the
20 Legislature to work together to help increase the availability
21 of organ and tissue donors, and

22 WHEREAS, it is possible to transplant many different
23 organs and tissues, including corneas, heart, liver, kidneys,
24 pancreas, lungs, intestine, bone marrow, and bone and
25 cartilage, and

26 WHEREAS, of the 68,805 people in the United States
27 waiting for a life-saving transplant, almost two-thirds of
28 those need a kidney, and

29 WHEREAS, the U.S. Transplant Games 2000 is a national
30 event showcasing the success of transplantation and the
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1 commitment of donor families, in addition to calling attention
2 to the shortage of organ and tissue donors worldwide, and

3 WHEREAS, Floridians are a caring and giving people, and
4 one of the most meaningful and unselfish gifts that one human
5 being can give another is the "gift of life," NOW, THEREFORE,

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7 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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9 That the Florida Senate recognizes June 21-24, 2000, as
10 "U.S. Transplant Games 2000 Days."

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate
12 encourages all Floridians to have family discussions about
13 organ and tissue donation and the gift of life.

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