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House Resolution

A resolution designating June 21-24, 2000, as
"U.S. Transplant Games 2000 Days."

WHEREAS, the success of the 2000 U.S. Transplant Games depends largely on the commitment made by the Florida Chapter of the National Kidney Foundation, Florida's organ and tissue procurement organizations, the Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program, the Transplant Recipients International Organization, the Marrow Donor Program, and the Florida Coalition on Donation, and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Transplant Games 2000 is a national event showcasing the success of transplantation and the

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 House of Representatives of the State of
8 Florida:

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10 That June 21-24, 2000, is hereby designated as "U.S.
11 Transplant Games 2000 Days."

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of
13 Representatives of the State of Florida encourages all
14 Floridians to have family discussions about organ and tissue
15 donation and the gift of life.

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