

By: Representative Fleming

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS ORGAN DONATION
2 AND RECOVERY MONTH FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, more than 67,000 Americans are waiting for organs to
4 become available; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1998, there were only 10,073 donors in the entire
6 United States; and

7 WHEREAS, every 16 minutes a new name is added to the waiting
8 list for an organ, while 13 people die every day waiting for a
9 lifesaving transplant; and

10 WHEREAS, almost 25% of all individuals waiting on a liver
11 transplant are under the age of 10; and

12 WHEREAS, over 90% of Mississippians waiting for an organ
13 transplant are African Americans, yet they make up less than 10%
14 of the state's donors; and

15 WHEREAS, one organ donor can save the lives of up to seven
16 individuals in need of a transplant; and

17 WHEREAS, one tissue donor can enhance the lives of more than
18 50 individuals; and

19 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi passed the "Gift of Life"
20 Act in 1998 that requires all families be given the option to
21 donate organs and tissue at the time of death:

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
24 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the month of April as Organ
25 Donation and Recovery Month for the State of Mississippi.

