

By: Representative Horan

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 2018 AS "DONATE
2 LIFE MONTH" IN MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being
4 can bestow upon another is the gift of life, and the "Donate Life
5 Mississippi" campaign works to educate Mississippians on the
6 importance of organ donation; and

7 WHEREAS, there are over 1,300 Mississippians, and over
8 115,000 people nationwide, who are currently on the transplant
9 waiting list, with 20 people in the United States dying each day
10 because a life-saving organ does not become available; and

11 WHEREAS, one individual's organ donation has the potential to
12 save the lives of eight people, while tissue donation can heal the
13 lives of more than 50 people, but only 30% of Mississippians with
14 a driver's license or state ID are registered as organ and tissue
15 donors; and

16 WHEREAS, the official online organ and tissue donation
17 registry for "Donate Life Mississippi" is located at
18 www.donatelifems.org, and this is where Mississippians can access



19 information on organ and tissue donation and also share their
20 donation wishes by registering to become organ and tissue donors;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, "Donate Life Mississippi," a union formed by
23 Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency, Mid-South Transplant Foundation
24 and the Mississippi Lions Eye Bank to promote the need for organs,
25 eyes and tissue donations, works in partnership with the
26 Mississippi Department of Public Safety to increase the number of
27 designated donors by providing Mississippians easy and secure
28 access to document their decisions to be organ and tissue donors:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
31 THEREIN, That we do hereby designate April 2018 as "Donate Life
32 Month" in Mississippi.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
34 furnished to the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency, the Mid-South
35 Transplant Foundation, the Mississippi Lions Eye Bank, the
36 Mississippi Department of Public Safety and to the members of the
37 Capitol Press Corps.

