

By: Representative Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

1 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MISSISSIPPI ORGAN RECOVERY AGENCY
2 AND OPPOSING THE NEW FEDERAL RULES ON ORGAN PROCUREMENT
3 ORGANIZATIONS.

4 WHEREAS, the organ procurement organizations serving
5 Mississippi in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety
6 have seen record levels of success in increasing organ donor
7 registration which has resulted in their continued effort to
8 increase organ and tissue donation; and

9 WHEREAS, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mississippi
10 Organ Recovery Agency and our state's only transplant hospital,
11 University of Mississippi Medical Center, have continued their
12 successful partnership to save lives through transplants, with
13 levels of transplants equaling numbers from preceding years; and

14 WHEREAS, the donation rate achieved by the Mississippi Organ
15 Recovery Agency, our state's largest organ procurement
16 organization, has increased significantly over previous years; and



17 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency has
18 demonstrated a commitment in its outreach to minority and
19 disadvantaged persons in Mississippi; and

20 WHEREAS, the data upon which the United States Department of
21 Health and Human Services has proposed metrics to evaluate an
22 organ procurement organization's performance is based upon
23 inaccurate and invalid data and, in addition, prohibited from such
24 use by a federal contract executed between the Department of
25 Health and the National Center for Health Statistics, which
26 restricts the use of state-provided death certificate data to only
27 medical and health research; and

28 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of this state and the
29 health of its citizens to oppose the enforcement of 42 C.F.R. Part
30 486, which threatens to significantly reduce the number of organ
31 procurement organizations based on inaccurate and invalid data:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
34 condemn the enforcement of any regulation purporting to assess any
35 organ procurement organization's performance based upon standards
36 derived from inaccurate and invalid data.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
38 further urges the State of Mississippi to enforce its contract
39 with the National Center for Health Statistics, which restricts
40 the use of state-provided death certificate data to only medical
41 and health research and specifically prohibits its use in



42 regulation and legislation such as that contained in 42 C.F.R.
43 Part 486.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, as
45 filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the
46 Clerk of the House to the President of the United States, the
47 United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Governor
48 of the State of Mississippi and be furnished to the members of the
49 Capitol Press Corps.

