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By Representatives Hurst, Tuggle, Millican, Johnson (R), Davis, Faust, McCutcheon, Weaver and Hubbard

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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF THE ORGAN TRANSPLANT PROGRAM AT UAB HOSPITAL AND ENCOURAGING ALL ALABAMA CITIZENS TO BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR.

WHEREAS, each day, approximately 21 people die due to lack of available organs; organ and tissue donation has a high success rate, between 80 and 90 percent, and one donor can save numerous people and improve the lives of countless others; and

WHEREAS, Angelynn Luckado, a Munford, Alabama, teenager received a rare block double-lung and heart transplant at UAB Hospital in November 2015; she was the first UAB Hospital patient to use extracorporeal life support as a bridge to this transplant and only the second reported case in history; and

WHEREAS, Angelynn was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of 2 and had struggled with breathing and other health issues throughout her life; she had been at UAB Hospital almost 5 continuous months when her opportunity for a second chance at life started as she walked out of UAB Hospital with her new heart and lungs; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Harris was born in Alabama with hydrocephalus and was adept at overcoming challenges; she

lived in Millington, Tennessee, with her husband and was visiting her parents in November 2015 when her shunt failed; she was sent to UAB Hospital and shortly there was no brain activity for the 26-year-old lady who had lived life to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, Courtney was known for her zeal for life and her ability to exceed and succeed in all she undertook; her deliberate and selfless decision to be an organ donor was honored and her gifts of life saved and enriched the lives of many others; and

WHEREAS, in a remarkable twist of events, one very special Alabama lady gave the gift of life to another special Alabama lady; their story has been shared by their loving families in the national media and Alabama's own UAB Hospital has been recognized and praised nationally for this remarkable procedure; and

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in recognizing the impact of organ donation and transplant and in further recognizing the gift of Alabamian Courtney Harris to fellow Alabamian Angelynn Luckado; together with the accomplishments of UAB Hospital, they bring immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, while we recognize February 14 as National Organ Donor Day, we encourage all Alabamians to become an

organ donor and to help promote the organ donor program in Alabama throughout the entire year; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we take great pleasure in recognizing the gift of Courtney Harris and the amazing future for Angelynn Luckado and request that copies of this resolution be presented to the families of each of these outstanding Alabamians with highest praise and sincere best wishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That UAB Hospital is highly honored and commended for its success in organ transplant and numerous other life-saving procedures and that a copy of this resolution be provided to UAB Hospital for appropriate display so that the medical staff and others will know of our deepest admiration and appreciation for its dedicated service.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was adopted by the House 03-MAR-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

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