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3 By Representatives Hurst, Hubbard, Johnson (R), Millican,
4 Tuggle, Wood and Boyd
5 RFD: Rules
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8 URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CREATE
9 AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PROMOTE ORGAN DONATION IN ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, there is an acute need for organ donors in
12 Alabama and throughout the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the United Network for Organ
14 Sharing, more than 121,000 people are waiting for an organ
15 transplant nationally, and a new person is added to the
16 waiting list every 18 minutes; and

17 WHEREAS, in Alabama, more than 3,300 people are
18 waiting for an organ transplant; and

19 WHEREAS, for an average of 19 people per day, the
20 wait is too long and they die before a suitable organ is
21 available; and

22 WHEREAS, more can be done to provide greater
23 education and public awareness regarding the decision to
24 become an organ donor; and

25 WHEREAS, the story of Angelynn Luckadoo, a 14-year
26 old young girl with cystic fibrosis who received a double lung

1 and heart transplant, is a testament to the importance of
2 organ donation; Angelynn's transplant was made possible by
3 organ donations from recently deceased 26-year-old Courtney
4 Harris that saved Angelynn's life; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we encourage the State
7 Department of Education to create and implement a program to
8 promote organ donation within the public K-12 schools across
9 the state, including at voluntary school blood drives, and to
10 encourage local school systems to participate in the program.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
12 resolution shall be sent to the State Superintendent of
13 Education.