

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 8, 1997

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the  
2 United States Postal Service to consider and recommend to the  
3 United States Postal Service Board of Governors the issuance  
4 of a "Gift of Life" commemorative stamp to encourage organ  
5 and tissue donation.

6 WHEREAS, Organ and tissue donation is a national health care  
7 crisis; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1995, 46,000 cornea transplants and 19,950 organ  
9 transplants were performed; and

10 WHEREAS, As of February 28, 1997, 44,540 people are waiting  
11 on organ donor lists, with 12 people dying each day waiting for  
12 donor organs; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 12 years have passed in the effort to  
14 convince the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United  
15 States Postal Service of the worth and value of issuing a  
16 commemorative stamp to honor organ and tissue donation; and

1       WHEREAS, In excess of one-half million signatures have been  
2 collected in support of the issuance of a commemorative stamp;  
3 and

4       WHEREAS, Since stamps are being issued freely for such images  
5 as cartoon characters and movies stars, it is appropriate to  
6 recognized the importance of becoming an organ and tissue donor;  
7 and

8       WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service has issued stamps  
9 to help build awareness of serious social and health issues such  
10 as breast cancer and alcohol and literacy awareness over the  
11 years; and

12       WHEREAS, A commemorative stamp would provide standing as  
13 official recognition of the value of becoming an organ and  
14 tissue donor; and

15       WHEREAS, The use and circulation of the "Gift of Life"  
16 commemorative stamp would serve as a timely reminder to register  
17 as an organ and tissue donor; and

18       WHEREAS, By increasing public awareness about organ donation,  
19 the wait for a transplant will be shortened and lives will be  
20 saved; therefore be it

21       RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
22 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Citizens'  
23 Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service to  
24 consider and recommend to the United States Postal Service Board  
25 of Governors the issuance of a "Gift of Life" commemorative  
26 stamp to encourage organ and tissue donation; and be it further

27       RESOLVED, That the United States Postal Service Board of  
28 Governors include the "Gift of Life" commemorative stamp in its  
29 list of stamps to be issued in 1998; and be it further

30       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

- 1 the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States
- 2 Postal Service.