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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Joyce Roush.

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Whereas, Organ donations are the gift of life to many patients whose own organs no longer function properly;

Whereas, Nearly 12,000 kidneys are donated for transplants every year from relatives or acquaintances of the recipient or from donors who have died;

Whereas, Unfortunately, there are 43,000 people on the waiting list to receive kidneys, 332 of whom are residents of Indiana;

Whereas, Figures like these make us painfully aware of the shortage of organ donors;

Whereas, There are few people who are willing to undergo a painful operation and recovery to donate an organ to a person they do not know;

Whereas, Joyce Roush, a 45-year-old mother of five from Fort Wayne, was willing to do just that;

Whereas, Joyce Roush, the development coordinator for the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization in Fort Wayne, decided to donate a kidney to anyone who needed it;

Whereas, That person was Christopher Bieniek, a 14-year-old boy from Aberdeen, Maryland;



Whereas, Joyce Roush's road to organ donation began in March 1998 when she heard a presentation by Dr. Lloyd Ratner, a surgeon at Johns Hopkins Comprehensive Transplant Center;

Whereas, Joyce Roush was convinced that she could handle having a kidney removed. Knowing the importance of organ donation, she contacted Dr. Ratner and informed him of her desire to donate one of her kidneys;

Whereas, Joyce Roush's motivation for this selfless act was simply to give. She felt that her own life had been blessed and that she was "called by a higher power" to help out those who were less fortunate;

Whereas, The four hour operation, which was performed at Johns Hopkins Comprehensive Transplant Center, is believed to be only the second time a transplant from a stranger to a stranger has been performed in the United States;

Whereas, Joyce Roush's hopes of increasing interest in the organ donor program have been realized due to the publicity her donation has received;

Whereas, A national organ donation organization has reported receiving more than the usual number of inquiries regarding live kidney donations, and 20 Hoosiers have requested additional information after learning about Joyce;

Whereas, Joyce Roush's selfless act gave the gift of life back to a 14-year-old boy: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
- 2 acknowledge the selfless act of a truly kind and loving person and to
- 3 thank her on behalf of all the citizens of the state of Indiana.
- 4 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
- 5 Secretary of the Senate to Joyce Roush and her family.

