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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Welch, Grubb*

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization for its expertise in the specialized field of healthcare and organ and tissue donation.

*Whereas, The Indiana Organ Procurement Organization (IOPO) is the nonprofit health service that is responsible for facilitating organ and tissue donation throughout Indiana and serving as the link between those who selflessly give the gift of life and those who so urgently need it;*

*Whereas, The IOPO, together with more than 130 community hospitals, contributes to a vigorous effort to improve the process of organ and tissue donation so that more lives may be saved;*

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*Whereas, In 2004 there were 161 Indiana organ donors, from whom 522 organs were recovered and made available for life-saving transplants, including 50 heart transplants, 62 lung transplants, 133 liver transplants, 50 pancreas transplants, 223 kidney transplants, and four intestinal transplants;*

*Whereas, More than 600 Hoosiers are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and*

*Whereas, The IOPO is a national leader in developing quality improvements for the safe and effective donation and transplantation of organs and tissues, resulting in a 60% increase in the number of organs recovered for transplantation since 2001: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana House of
- 2           Representatives wish to give special recognition to those Hoosiers who,
- 3           with their donation of organs and tissues, helped life begin anew for
- 4           others. It is because of the generosity of these caring Hoosiers and their
- 5           families that we remember that to live life is to give life.
- 6           SECTION 2. That the members of the Indiana House of
- 7           Representatives wish to thank the Indiana Organ Procurement
- 8           Organization for its efforts on behalf of Hoosiers who are in need of
- 9           organ or tissue donations.
- 10          SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 11          Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana
- 12          Organ Procurement Organization.

