

House Resolution 1140

By: Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Silcox of the 53rd, Kelley of the 16th, Hagan of the 156th, and Reeves of the 99th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 15, 2024, as Donor Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, nearly 2,900 Georgians provided the gift of renewed or improved life through
3 organ, eye, and tissue donation during 2023, including 170 who chose to become living
4 kidney donors, saving and improving the lives of tens of thousands through organ, cornea,
5 and tissue transplantation; and
- 6 WHEREAS, these generous gifts were facilitated by organ, tissue, and eye recovery and
7 transplant organizations in Georgia that work together to educate the public about the
8 importance of organ, tissue, and eye donation as Donate Life Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Transplant Foundation bridges the gap between hope and
10 opportunity by providing financial, educational, emotional, and community support programs
11 and services that enrich the lives of those affected by organ transplantation in the State of
12 Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Donate Life Georgia encourages individuals to register their decision to save
14 lives by joining the Donate Life Georgia organ, eye, and tissue donor registry while obtaining

15 a driver's license, online at www.DonateLifeGeorgia.org, or when obtaining a hunting or
16 fishing license through the Department of Natural Resources; and

17 WHEREAS, Donate Life Georgia is working tirelessly to ensure that the nearly 3,000
18 Georgians currently awaiting an organ transplant have a chance at life; and

19 WHEREAS, by celebrating Donor Day at the state capitol and sharing the Donate Life
20 message, we can save and heal more lives and honor donors' legacy of generosity and
21 compassion; and

22 WHEREAS, we recognize those who have given and received the gift of life through organ,
23 eye, and tissue donation, both after death and through living donation; those who are
24 currently waiting for a lifesaving transplant; and those who died waiting because an organ
25 was not gifted in time.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the selfless individuals and their families who make
28 donation possible as well as the member organizations of Donate Life Georgia for their
29 tireless dedication to educating Georgians about and saving lives through organ, eye, and
30 tissue donation and recognize February 15, 2024, as Donor Day at the state capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Donate Life Georgia.