

House Resolution 514

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending LifeLink of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, LifeLink of Georgia is a nonprofit community service organization dedicated
3 to their vision to maximize the gift of life while giving hope to donor families and transplant
4 patients as well as to pursue their mission to honor donors and save lives through organ and
5 tissue donation; and
- 6 WHEREAS, LifeLink of Georgia upholds the values of compassion, excellence, legacy,
7 people, and quality to accomplish their vision and mission; and
- 8 WHEREAS, nearly 40 years ago, a small group of innovators led by renowned nephrologist
9 Dr. Dana Shires made a commitment to save lives through organ and tissue donation; thus,
10 LifeLink Foundation, of which LifeLink of Georgia is a division, was born; and
- 11 WHEREAS, this organization has grown from a small nonprofit organization with big
12 dreams to save lives through organ and tissue donation and just a few employees to more than
13 500 staff members in Florida, Georgia, and Puerto Rico fulfilling those dreams; and

14 WHEREAS, LifeLink of Georgia facilitates the recovery of organs for transplantation within
15 all hospitals in its donation service area, along with educating the communities served about
16 the facts of donation and how individuals can save lives by joining the organ, tissue, and eye
17 donor registry while obtaining a driver's license, online at www.DonateLifeGeorgia.org, or
18 when obtaining a hunting or fishing license through the Department of Natural Resources;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, LifeLink of Georgia is working tirelessly to ensure that the more than 3,200
21 Georgians currently awaiting an organ transplant have a chance at life; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2022, LifeLink of Georgia facilitated recovery of a record 1,251 organs for
23 transplant thanks to the generosity of 447 organ donors and their families; and

24 WHEREAS, more patients than ever before received kidney, heart, liver, and lung transplants
25 because of these efforts, and donated tissue improves the lives of hundreds of thousands of
26 individuals in need of tissue transplantation; and

27 WHEREAS, LifeLink of Georgia currently serves 159 counties in Georgia, serving over
28 10.91 million people in 193 hospitals in Georgia each year.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend LifeLink of Georgia for its tireless
31 devotion and dedication to serving Georgia families and to providing hope and opportunity
32 in their most desperate times of need.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
35 LifeLink of Georgia.