

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing anonymous organ, tissue, and cornea donors.

2 WHEREAS, organ, tissue, and cornea donation is a profound choice that affects the
3 lives of thousands of Americans each year; and

4 WHEREAS, on average, 20 people die each day while awaiting an organ transplant;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, donation saves lives, and without individuals making a conscious
7 choice to register to be an organ, tissue, and cornea donor, this life-saving mission would
8 not be as successful as it is today; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2017, transplant centers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky's region
10 performed 360 organ transplants from 108 donors. Center staffs also recovered tissue
11 from 330 donors and corneas from 654 donors; and

12 WHEREAS, this body commends the anonymous organ, tissue, and cornea donors
13 who have so courageously and selflessly made the life-saving decision to donate; and

14 WHEREAS, in so doing, the members also acknowledge that many donors choose
15 to give their gifts without acknowledgement or recognition and will never hear "Thank
16 You" from anyone other than a select few; and

17 WHEREAS, it is therefore rightful that this body pause to reflect on these donors
18 and how their gifts have saved or improved the lives of recipients, and to urge all
19 Kentuckians to never forget the brave and unique individuals who choose to donate;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
22 ***Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby offer heartfelt commendation and
24 eternal gratitude to Kentucky's anonymous organ, tissue, and cornea donors.

25 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of anonymous
26 organ, tissue, and cornea donors.

27 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

- 1 Resolution to Senator Morgan McGarvey.