

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas more than 76,000 men, women, and children currently await life-saving transplants;

Whereas every 14 minutes another name is added to the national transplant waiting list;

Whereas people of all ages and medical histories are potential organ, tissue, and blood donors;

Whereas more than 2,300 of those awaiting transplants are under the age of 18;

Whereas approximately 14,000 children and young adults under the age of 18 have donated organs or tissue since 1988;

Whereas science shows that acceptance rates increase when donors are matched to recipients by age;

Whereas organ donation is often a family decision, and sharing a decision to become a donor with family members can help to ensure a donation when an occasion arises;

Whereas nationwide there are up to 15,000 potential donors annually, but consent from family members to donation is received for less than 6,000;

Whereas educating young people about organ and tissue donation promotes family discussions over the desire of family members to become organ donors;

Whereas Youth For Life: Remembering Walter Payton is committed to educating young adults about organ donation and encouraging students to discuss this decision with their family and register to be organ donors;

Whereas the Youth For Life: Remembering Walter Payton program is dedicated to football legend Walter Payton, who broke the National Football League career rushing record on October 7, 1984; and

Whereas Youth For Life: Remembering Walter Payton Day will be held on October 9, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) supports the purposes and objectives of
4 Youth For Life: Remembering Walter Payton; and

5 (2) encourages all young people to learn about
6 the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and
7 blood donations and to discuss these donations with
8 their families and friends.

Passed the Senate October 9, 2001.

Attest:

Secretary.

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Recognizing the important contributions of the Youth For Life: Remembering Walter Payton initiative and encouraging participation in this nationwide effort to educate young people about organ and tissue donation.