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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 133

Senate Amendments in [] — February 12, 2002

Requesting the Virginia Transplant Council to encourage all donor families to become involved in its interagency donor family [~~organization~~ activities] .

Patron prior to Engrossment—Senator Martin

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Virginia Transplant Council was established [by the General Assembly] in [1983 1985] to educate the public about the importance of organ and tissue donation and the contributions such donations make to the health and lives of thousands of people; and

WHEREAS, the Council has performed its duties and responsibilities with expertise and distinction; and

WHEREAS, the demand for donor organs and tissues continues to increase and the innovations in the medical uses of the donor organs and tissues make it possible for many people to continue living or to lead better, healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, the tissue banking industry and the reasons for procuring tissue donations have both grown greatly over recent years because of medical innovations; and

WHEREAS, the transplant community depends on the good will and altruism of the public for obtaining organ and tissue donations [, and the blood donations that support transplantation] ; and

WHEREAS, donor families are, of necessity, approached at a time of great stress and shock for consent to organ and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, donor families come from every walk of life and every religious and ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, donor families' expectations concerning the use and disposition of their loved one's organs or tissues must be given sensitive and careful consideration; and

WHEREAS, at the state level, organ procurement organizations and other industry providers have established programs for donor families that include counseling and opportunities for input; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Transplant Council has pulled together an interagency activity that includes statewide representation from its members' donor family programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Virginia Transplant Council be requested to encourage all donor families to become involved in its interagency donor family [~~organization~~ activities] ; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Transplant Council to apprise the members of this request.

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