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8 RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF THE ORGAN TRANSPLANT
9 PROGRAM AT UAB HOSPITAL AND ENCOURAGING ALL ALABAMA CITIZENS
10 TO BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR.
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12 WHEREAS, each day, approximately 21 people die due
13 to lack of available organs; organ and tissue donation has a
14 high success rate, between 80 and 90 percent, and one donor
15 can save numerous people and improve the lives of countless
16 others; and

17 WHEREAS, Angelynn Luckado, a Munford, Alabama,
18 teenager received a rare block double-lung and heart
19 transplant at UAB Hospital in November 2015; she was the first
20 UAB Hospital patient to use extracorporeal life support as a
21 bridge to this transplant and only the second reported case in
22 history; and

23 WHEREAS, Angelynn was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis
24 at the age of 2 and had struggled with breathing and other
25 health issues throughout her life; she had been at UAB
26 Hospital almost 5 continuous months when her opportunity for a

1 second chance at life started as she walked out of UAB
2 Hospital with her new heart and lungs; and

3 WHEREAS, Courtney Harris was born in Alabama with
4 hydrocephalus and was adept at overcoming challenges; she
5 lived in Millington, Tennessee, with her husband and was
6 visiting her parents in November 2015 when her shunt failed;
7 she was sent to UAB Hospital and shortly there was no brain
8 activity for the 26-year-old lady who had lived life to the
9 fullest; and

10 WHEREAS, Courtney was known for her zeal for life
11 and her ability to exceed and succeed in all she undertook;
12 her deliberate and selfless decision to be an organ donor was
13 honored and her gifts of life saved and enriched the lives of
14 many others; and

15 WHEREAS, in a remarkable twist of events, one very
16 special Alabama lady gave the gift of life to another special
17 Alabama lady; their story has been shared by their loving
18 families in the national media and Alabama's own UAB Hospital
19 has been recognized and praised nationally for this remarkable
20 procedure; and

21 WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in recognizing the
22 impact of organ donation and transplant and in further
23 recognizing the gift of Alabamian Courtney Harris to fellow
24 Alabamian Angelynn Luckado; together with the accomplishments
25 of UAB Hospital, they bring immense credit upon the entire
26 State of Alabama; and

1 WHEREAS, while we recognize February 14 as National
2 Organ Donor Day, we encourage all Alabamians to become an
3 organ donor and to help promote the organ donor program in
4 Alabama throughout the entire year; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we take great pleasure in
7 recognizing the gift of Courtney Harris and the amazing future
8 for Angelynn Luckado and request that copies of this
9 resolution be presented to the families of each of these
10 outstanding Alabamians with highest praise and sincere best
11 wishes.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That UAB Hospital is highly
13 honored and commended for its success in organ transplant and
14 numerous other life-saving procedures and that a copy of this
15 resolution be provided to UAB Hospital for appropriate display
16 so that the medical staff and others will know of our deepest
17 admiration and appreciation for its dedicated service.