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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Robert Rogina, a leader in the economic  
3 development of Joliet and a philanthropist, passed away on  
4 February 28, 2014 at the age of 72 while waiting for an organ  
5 donation; and

6           WHEREAS, Robert Rogina was a civil engineer by trade and an  
7 engineer for civic improvement by occupation; he was the  
8 founder of Rogina Engineers and Surveyors; he was active with  
9 the Rialto Square Theatre, the United Way of Will County,  
10 Silver Cross Hospital, Cornerstone Services, the Will County  
11 Center for Economic Development, the University of St. Francis,  
12 the Rotary Club, the Will-Grundy Counties Home Builders  
13 Association, the Will County Community Foundation, and the  
14 Three Rivers Manufacturers Association; and

15           WHEREAS, Over 116,000 people are currently waiting for an  
16 organ transplant and 21 people will die each day waiting for an  
17 organ; a person is added to the organ donor waiting list every  
18 10 minutes; and

19           WHEREAS, One organ donor can save up to 8 lives and let up  
20 to 79 people receive organ transplants; a single tissue donor  
21 can save or heal up to 50 people; and

1           WHEREAS, More than 24,000 patients began new lives in 2014  
2 thanks to organ transplants; and

3           WHEREAS, More than 120 million people in the United States  
4 are signed up to be organ, eye, and tissue donors, which is  
5 approximately 50% of the United States' adult population; and

6           WHEREAS, The citizens of Illinois should be made aware of  
7 the need for organ donors and that everyone can become a donor,  
8 regardless of age, race, or medical history; and

9           WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month takes place every year  
10 in April; it features an entire month of local, regional, and  
11 national activities to help encourage Americans to register as  
12 organ, eye, and tissue donors and to celebrate those that have  
13 saved lives through the gift of donation; and

14           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois should encourage all  
15 residents 18 years old and older to register as an organ donor  
16 by having an Illinois driver's license or ID card to register  
17 for organ donation at their local Secretary of State's facility  
18 at the same time they apply for or renew a driver's license or  
19 ID card or online; and

20           WHEREAS, A Organ Donor Registration Month in State of  
21 Illinois will promote education and awareness of how citizens

1 can become donors and the importance of being a donor to help  
2 save lives; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 designate the month of April in 2015 and 2016 as Organ Donor  
6 Registration Month in the State of Illinois in honor of Robert  
7 Rogina and those who have lost their lives while waiting on a  
8 transplant list, to celebrate the lives of those who have been  
9 saved through organ donation, and to thank those who have been  
10 donors.