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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 130

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CURRICULA/DRIVER ED: Urges and requests the office of motor vehicles include information about organ, eye, and tissue donation in driver education training

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
3 vehicles, to include in all driver education programs classroom or educational setting
4 information about organ, eye, and tissue donation.

5 WHEREAS, a person can register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor in the state of
6 Louisiana by saying 'yes' when applying for a driver's license or state identification card or
7 by signing up on the Louisiana donor registry; and

8 WHEREAS, over two thousand people are awaiting life-saving organ transplants in
9 the state of Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, over fifty people can benefit from one donor's tissue donation; and

11 WHEREAS, two people can have sight restored from one eye donor; and

12 WHEREAS, the lack of knowledge about organ donation is one of the main factors
13 leading to the shortage of organ donation; and

14 WHEREAS, there is a growing need to educate and ensure potential donors have the
15 information they need to make sound decisions; and

16 WHEREAS, people often disqualify themselves as potential donors by citing
17 misconceptions; and

18 WHEREAS, the office of motor vehicles certifies other driver education and training
19 courses; and

1 WHEREAS, according to the office of motor vehicles, over four million persons are
2 recorded as having Class "E" driver's license; and

3 WHEREAS, every year, tens of thousands of young people apply for their first
4 driver's license or state identification card; and

5 WHEREAS, according to the office of motor vehicles, seven hundred seventy
6 thousand one hundred twenty-six Class "E" driver licenses were issued this past year; and

7 WHEREAS, Aliye Ringe, a then resident of Central, Louisiana made the selfless
8 decision at the age of sixteen when obtaining her driver's license to register as an organ
9 donor; and

10 WHEREAS, Aliye Ringe was involved in a fatal crash on December 22, 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, Aliye Ringe's decision to become an organ donor saved the lives of five
12 persons on Christmas day; and

13 WHEREAS, the opportunity to register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor should be
14 included in all driver education and training programs to afford a potential donor a chance
15 to save and heal the lives of others after death; and

16 WHEREAS, each day, approximately seventeen people die waiting for a lifesaving
17 organ transplant and a new name is added to the transplant waiting list every nine minutes.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Public Safety and
20 Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to include in all driver education programs classroom
21 or educational setting information about organ, eye, and tissue donation.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and
23 Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall submit a written report of its findings and
24 recommendations to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works
25 no later than March 1, 2023.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, and
28 to the family of Aliye Ringe.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, include in all driver education programs classroom or educational setting information about organ, eye, and tissue donation. Requires the office of motor vehicles submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works no later than March 1, 2023.