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# S. RES. 305

Designating February 14, 2004, as “National Donor Day”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Designating February 14, 2004, as “National Donor Day”.

Whereas National Donor Day is the largest annual 1-day life-saving donation drive in the United States;

Whereas almost everyone is a potential organ, tissue, bone marrow, or blood donor;

Whereas at any given moment more than 80,000 people of the United States await a lifesaving organ transplant;

Whereas each day about 68 individuals receive an organ transplant, but another 18 individuals on the waiting list die because not enough organs are available;

Whereas of the nearly 30,000 people of the United States diagnosed each year with life-threatening diseases that are potentially treatable by marrow or blood stem cell transplants,  $\frac{2}{3}$  will not find a donor match within their family;

Whereas blood transfusions save 10,000 people of the United States every day;

Whereas although 60 percent of the people of the United States are eligible to donate blood, only 5 percent do;

Whereas the first 6 celebrations of National Donor Day informed millions of individuals across the United States of the need for organ and tissue donors;

Whereas as a result of past National Donor Day education efforts, more than 8,000 potential marrow and blood stem cell donors were added to the National Marrow Donor Program Registry and approximately 48,000 units of blood were collected; and

Whereas the following organizations are all partners in the National Donor Day efforts: the American Association of Blood Banks; the American Liver Foundation; the American Society of Transplant Surgeons; America's Blood Centers; the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations; the Children's Organ Transplant Association; the Coalition on Donation; the Emergency Nurses Association; the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International; the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; LifeSouth Community Blood Centers; the Marrow Foundation; the National Kidney Foundation; the National Marrow Donor Program; the National Minority Open Tissue Transplant Education Program; Saturn Corporation; United Auto Workers; and the Department of Health and Human Services: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2                    (1) designates February 14, 2004, as “National  
3        Donor Day”;

1           (2) supports the goals and ideals of National  
2 Donor Day;

3           (3) urges everyone to learn about organ, tissue,  
4 bone marrow, and blood donations, and discuss such  
5 donations with their families and friends; and

6           (4) requests that the President issue a procla-  
7 mation calling on the people of the United States to  
8 conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and pro-  
9 grams to demonstrate support for organ, tissue,  
10 bone marrow, and blood donations.

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