
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING LEGACY OF LIFE HAWAII AND HONORING STEVEN "STEVE"
MITSUO GINOZA, LOKELANI MARTHA YOSHIMI KRUSE, JONATHAN PONS
AND HIS MOTHER, ELISA DANNALS, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE
FAMILIES WHO HAVE SELFLESSLY GIVEN THE GIFT OF LIFE DURING
NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, with hectic schedules and the demands of everyday
2 life, some of us often forget how blessed we are to have
3 healthy, functioning bodies; for more than 120,000 people in the
4 nation, they unfortunately do not have operating organs, and
5 must await organ transplants to save their lives; and
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7 WHEREAS, organ donors can be considered as everyday heroes,
8 selflessly giving a part of themselves to restore the lives of
9 others, and as a result of these individuals' ultimate
10 sacrifice, in 2013, 28,953 organ transplants were performed,
11 giving hope and a second chance to the individuals who received
12 these gifts of life; and
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14 WHEREAS, April is designated as National Donate Life Month
15 in efforts to raise awareness about organ, eye, and tissue
16 donation and transplantation; encourage Americans to register as
17 donors; and celebrate those who have saved lives through the
18 gift of donation; and
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20 WHEREAS, Legacy of Life Hawaii is a local non-profit
21 organization working to save and enhance lives by recovering
22 organs and tissue for transplant; and through community outreach
23 and education, it promotes organ donation and provides donation
24 counseling for families and medical staff, as well as honoring
25 and supporting local organ donors and their families; and
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27 WHEREAS, Steven "Steve" Mitsuo Ginoza became an organ donor
28 at 28 years old after an untimely accident took his life; the
29 youngest of four children, Steve was a graduate of the



1 University of Hawaii at Manoa and a civil engineer at the
2 Honolulu Board of Water Supply; he loved life and having fun
3 with his friends; he is remembered as the true hero of his
4 family by his parents Frank and Jesse and his siblings Sandi,
5 Susan, and Peter, as well as his extended ohana, including those
6 who received his gift of organ donation; Steve's gift of his
7 heart, kidneys, and liver saved the lives of four people; and
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9 WHEREAS, Lokelani Martha Yoshimi Kruse became an organ
10 donor at sixteen years old after her life was tragically cut
11 short in an automobile accident; Lokelani shone with brilliance,
12 talent, and leadership from a very young age; she had a
13 determined mind and heart, and at the time of her death, she had
14 already taken a positive stance on organ and tissue donation,
15 stating in a high school essay that she wanted to be an organ
16 donor, a wish the Kruse family proudly continues to honor
17 through their efforts to educate the people of Kauai on the
18 importance of organ and tissue donation; and
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20 WHEREAS, Jonathan Christopher Nainoa Pons became an organ
21 donor after suffering a traumatic brain injury due to a
22 motorcycle accident; Jonathan had big dreams and knew he had to
23 set goals for himself in order to achieve those dreams; he left
24 Hawaii to attend the United Technical Institute in Arizona where
25 he accomplished his dream of becoming a certified automotive and
26 diesel mechanic; he returned home to Hawaii and was surrounded
27 by family and friends; as a "local boy," he loved the outdoors,
28 and riding his motorcycle, surfing, and hiking brought him
29 endless joy; although his life was cut short, as an eye and
30 tissue donor, Jonathan gave the gift of sight to two others;
31 now, therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
35 Session of 2016, that this body extends its sincerest gratitude
36 and appreciation to these individuals and their families for
37 their gifts of life; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes April as
2 National Donate Life Month to raise awareness about the
3 importance of organ donation.
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