

House Resolution 1189

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th, Trammell of the 132nd, Burns of the 159th, Efstration of the 104th, and Boddie of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending LifeLink Foundation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, LifeLink Foundation is a nonprofit community service organization dedicated
3 to the recovery of life-saving and life-enhancing organs and tissue for transplantation
4 therapy; and

5 WHEREAS, LifeLink works in a sensitive, diligent, and compassionate manner to facilitate
6 the donation of desperately needed organs and tissues for waiting patients, support research
7 efforts to enhance the available supply of organs and tissue for transplant patients, improve
8 clinical outcomes of patients post-transplantation, and work closely with the United Network
9 For Organ Sharing (UNOS) to support its goals; and

10 WHEREAS, more than 30 years ago, a small group of innovators led by renowned
11 nephrologist Dr. Dana Shires made a commitment to save lives through organ and tissue
12 donation; thus, LifeLink Foundation was born; and

13 WHEREAS, what was once a small nonprofit organization with big dreams and just a few
14 employees now has more than 500 full-time and part-time staff in west central Florida,
15 Georgia, and Puerto Rico that fulfills the life-saving dreams of waiting transplant recipients
16 through the generosity of organ and tissue donors; and

17 WHEREAS, LifeLink of Georgia helps to facilitate the recovery of organs for transplantation
18 within all hospitals in its donation service area, along with providing public education about
19 the facts of donation and how individuals can save lives by joining the organ, tissue, and eye
20 donor registry while obtaining a driver's license online at www.DonateLifeGeorgia.org; and

21 WHEREAS, LifeLink is working tirelessly to ensure that the nearly 5,000 Georgians
22 currently awaiting an organ transplant have a chance at life; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1995, LifeLink Foundation established the Endowment for Giving as a
24 separate 501(c)(3) in support of the foundation's mission. In collaboration with transplant
25 centers throughout LifeLink Foundation's three organ recovery service areas, the Legacy
26 Fund supports transplant patients through financial assistance programs; and

27 WHEREAS, LifeLink currently serves 159 counties in Georgia, serving over 9.8 million
28 people in 193 hospitals in Georgia; and

29 WHEREAS, transplanted skin assists individuals who have suffered severe burns or other
30 injuries in more than one million procedures per year; and

31 WHEREAS, LifeLink does this work without expecting anything in return and serves
32 Georgia families going through the worst stages in their lives.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize and commend LifeLink Foundation for its tireless
35 devotion and dedication to serving Georgia families and to providing hope and opportunity
36 in their most desperate times of need.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
39 LifeLink Foundation.