

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 206

Supporting the National Marrow Donor Program and other bone marrow donor programs and encouraging Americans to learn about the importance of bone marrow donation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2003

Mr. BURGESS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the National Marrow Donor Program and other bone marrow donor programs and encouraging Americans to learn about the importance of bone marrow donation.

Whereas up to 30,000 people each year are diagnosed with leukemia or other blood diseases and approximately 20,000 will not find a marrow donor match within their family and must rely upon strangers;

Whereas diseases such as leukemia, aplastic anemia, and defective immune systems can lead to a rapid deterioration in an individual's health and ultimately the individual's death if potential marrow donors are not identified;

Whereas volunteers in donor programs provide a life-saving service to those that are afflicted with leukemia or other blood diseases;

Whereas since the founding of the National Marrow Donor Program in 1986, it has facilitated more than 15,000 unrelated transplants for patients with leukemia or other blood diseases;

Whereas the National Marrow Donor Program provides potential donors with information on how to become a bone marrow donor;

Whereas the National Marrow Donor Program has a worldwide reach and a large database of potential donors;

Whereas the National Marrow Donor Program currently facilitates more than 160 transplants each month; and

Whereas the National Marrow Donor Program makes a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of the Na-
4 tional Marrow Donor Program and other bone mar-
5 row donor programs; and

6 (2) encourages all Americans to learn about the
7 importance of bone marrow donation and to discuss
8 such donation with their families and friends.

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