

HB 1744 -- ORGAN DONOR RECOGNITION DAY

SPONSOR: Walton Gray

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 24 to 0.

This bill designates July 3 of each year as "Organ Donor Recognition Day" and recommends people of the state to observe the day by participating in activities that will increase awareness of organ donation.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the success rate for organ transplants has increased over the years but the organ donation rate remains low. This bill would bring awareness to the need for organ donors and recognize the generous gifts given by those who have donated organs.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Walton Gray and Kevin Knox.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.