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Honoring Christina Taylor Green for giving the gift of life with organ donation and encouraging Americans to join her call to make organ donation a personal choice.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2011

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

RESOLUTION

Honoring Christina Taylor Green for giving the gift of life with organ donation and encouraging Americans to join her call to make organ donation a personal choice.

Whereas Christina Taylor Green is a national beacon of hope;

Whereas she gave the ultimate gift of life by organ donation;

Whereas Christina Taylor Green was born in Maryland on September 11, 2001, a day of national tragedy;

Whereas her birth proved to be a beacon of hope on a day that this country mourned an extreme loss;

Whereas she died on January 8, 2011, due to the horrific actions that took place during a public meeting with United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords called “Congress on Your Corner” in Tucson, Arizona;

Whereas Americans felt the pain of losing a child;

Whereas on that day, America mourned the loss of Christina Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard, and Gabriel Zimmerman;

Whereas at this time of extreme sorrow, Christina's parents, John and Roxanna Green, along with her brother, Dallas Green, willingly gave the gift of life and vision to other children by following Christina's wishes and donating her organs;

Whereas just as Christina came into this world providing a hopeful look to the future of this Nation, in her passing she has showed us, this country, and the world that by giving another the ultimate gift of life that we are a people of unity and love, and that we can overcome adversity and tragedy;

Whereas in life, Christina loved all that is true to the American spirit;

Whereas as the granddaughter to George Dallas Green, Philadelphia Phillies manager when they won their first World Series title in franchise history in 1980, Christina along with her father John, a scout for the Los Angeles Dodgers, loved baseball;

Whereas Christina was the only girl that played for the Pirates, the Canyon del Oro Little League baseball team;

Whereas Christina was a young person of faith and had received her first Holy Communion at St. Odilia's Catholic Church;

Whereas she went to meet Congresswoman Giffords with family friend, Susan Hileman, to learn more about public service because she too was starting a legacy of giving

back to her community, having recently been elected to her student council at Mesa Verde Elementary School;

Whereas during the tragic event on January 8, 2011, Susan Hileman used her own body to help shield Christina Taylor Green from the deadly bullets;

Whereas this act of courage was not futile because Christina's parents were provided some solace during this stressful time knowing that Christina's final wishes of organ donation could be realized;

Whereas Christina's grandmother, Yolanda Segalini, died at age 74 and the family supported the decision to donate their grandmother's organs so that others could live a better life;

Whereas from this experience, Christina and her family learned how important it is to be an organ donor;

Whereas it is estimated that 110,000 Americans are on a waiting list for an organ transplant;

Whereas, in 2009, only 28,463 transplants were performed, a statistic that is sure to increase given Christina's unconditional gift and the teaching born by all who have learned of this remarkable young person and her family;

Whereas Christina Taylor Green's life, passing, and organ donation has affected the whole country; and

Whereas this Nation is better for the gifts shared by Christina Taylor Green and John and Roxanna Green: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors Christina Taylor Green for giving

3 the gift of life with organ donation;

1 (2) believes that Christina Taylor Green's mem-
2 ory will live on and that she will continue to be the
3 Nation's face of hope; and

4 (3) encourages Americans to join her call to
5 make organ donation a personal choice.

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