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5 By: Senator Brown  
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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIVER  
10 TRANSPLANT PROGRAM AT THE STATE'S ONLY TEACHING  
11 HOSPITAL, THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL  
12 SCIENCES.

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14 **Subtitle**

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16 TRANSPLANT PROGRAM AT THE STATE'S ONLY  
17 TEACHING HOSPITAL, THE UNIVERSITY OF  
18 ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES.  
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20 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas currently has no liver transplant program  
21 available to its citizens; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the citizens of Arkansas must travel outside the state and  
24 incur the expense of travel, meals, and lodging for extended periods of time  
25 if they require a liver transplant; and  
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27 WHEREAS, a liver transplant program at the state's teaching hospital  
28 can provide state-of-the-art health care for all citizens of the state; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the establishment of such a program provides opportunities for  
31 training of future specialists, most of whom will stay in the state to  
32 practice; and  
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34 WHEREAS, our citizens covered by Medicare currently must travel to  
35 another state for a liver transplant and Arkansas Medicare dollars are  
36 expended in that state to cover the cost of the transplant,



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NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Senate encourages the University of Arkansas for Medical  
Sciences to establish and develop a nationally recognized program for liver  
transplants.