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HR 1055

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF STEM CELL DONOR MATCH
9 TESTING AND STEM CELL DONORS IN COMBATting ACUTE
10 LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA.
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14 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF STEM CELL
15 DONOR MATCH TESTING AND STEM CELL DONORS
16 IN COMBATting ACUTE LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA.
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18 WHEREAS, in 2022 there were approximately six thousand five hundred
19 (6,500) new cases of Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia in the United States and
20 there were approximately one thousand three hundred (1,300) deaths from Acute
21 Lymphocytic Leukemia; and
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23 WHEREAS, Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia is a type of cancer of the blood
24 and bone marrow – the spongy tissue inside bones where blood cells are made;
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27 WHEREAS, Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia is the most common type of cancer
28 in children, and treatments result in a good chance for a cure; and
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30 WHEREAS, Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia can also occur in adults, though
31 the chance of a cure is greatly reduced; and
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33 WHEREAS, stem cell donor testing is important in our efforts to cure
34 Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia; and
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36 WHEREAS, in 2010, six-year old Jaylan Weatherspoon of McGehee, Arkansas



1 was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia; and

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3 WHEREAS, it took only two (2) weeks once Jaylan Weatherspoon was placed
4 on the national donor list for a stem cell donor match to be found; and

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6 WHEREAS, through the generosity of a stem cell donor, Jaylan
7 Weatherspoon received a stem cell transplant; and

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9 WHEREAS, thirteen (13) years later, Jaylan Weatherspoon is cancer-free,
10 is a senior at White Hall High School, owns two (2) businesses, and obtained
11 his real estate license; and

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13 WHEREAS, Jaylan's success story underlies the importance of stem cell
14 donor match testing and stem cell donations,

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 THAT the House of Representatives recognize the importance of stem cell
21 donor match testing and stem cell donors in combatting Acute Lymphocytic
22 Leukemia.

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the House of
25 Representatives encourage the citizens of the State of Arkansas to
26 participate in stem cell donor testing.