



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, When a citizen, through the kindness of her heart,
3 offers one of her own organs to another, it is an action to be
4 commended; and

5 WHEREAS, Patsy Donahue is a fourth grade teacher at
6 Oster-Oakview School in New Lenox School District 122; on
7 Monday, May 1, 2006, Ms. Donahue underwent an operation to
8 donate one of her healthy kidneys to Brandon Shafer, a fourth
9 grade student in her class; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Donahue previously served in the Peace Corps
11 and began working in her first full-time teaching job this
12 year; she considers it "divine intervention" that brought her
13 home from the Peace Corps and found her as the teacher of young
14 Mr. Shafer; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Shafer was diagnosed with polycystic kidney
16 disease two years ago, a disease that covers both the inside
17 and outside of the kidneys in cysts; as a result of his
18 illness, he took five medications a day, including shots that
19 he administered himself; his mother had volunteered one of her
20 kidneys, but was not a perfect match; Patsy Donahue's kidney
21 was; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Donahue says that she donated the kidney
23 because her father was the recipient of a bone marrow donation;
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we recognize Patsy Donahue for the selfless act of the donation
28 of one of her healthy kidneys to Brandon Shafer, one of her
29 fourth grade students at Oster-Oakview School; and be it
30 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Ms. Donahue as an expression of our deep respect
3 and esteem.