

**No. R-209. House concurrent resolution designating the week of May 5–11 as Vermont Organ Donor Awareness Week in honor of Jason Perry and Christian Stromberg.**

(H.C.R.158)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, Jason Perry and Christian Stromberg met in 1991 as college students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and belonged to the same fraternity, and

Whereas, after graduation, they worked together in Delaware and shared a house on Chesapeake Bay, greatly enjoying their early adulthood, and

Whereas, Jason Perry spent the summer of 2004 assisting Christian to construct a barn at his Cambridgeport, Vermont home, and

Whereas, the two men remained close friends after Jason Perry married and settled in Athens, Georgia, and

Whereas, over the course of 20 years, Christian Stromberg became extremely ill from the disease IGA nephropathy, which has neither a known cause nor cure and which destroyed his kidneys, and

Whereas, in 2012, Christian Stromberg informed his family and friends that without a new kidney, he would need to rely on dialysis, and his message was publicized on a Facebook page, and

Whereas, after a determination that his sister was not a good match as a donor, Christian Stromberg learned that his friend Jason Perry was a willing and suitable donor, and Christian Stromberg was thrilled to learn this news, and

Whereas, in October 2012, the medical procedure transferring a functioning kidney from Jason Perry to Christian Stromberg took place at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, and

Whereas, Jason Perry has recovered and is now back cycling in Georgia's warm weather, and Christian Stromberg is regaining his strength and has a healthy kidney, and

Whereas, the generosity of Jason Perry in donating a kidney to his friend Christian Stromberg is one example of the importance of organ donations in enabling individuals to live more healthy lives, and

Whereas, donating an organ is a noble act representing a special gift of human kindness, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of May 5–11 as Vermont Organ Donor Awareness Week in honor of Jason Perry and Christian Stromberg, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jason Perry and Christian Stromberg.