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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, IgA nephropathy, also known as IgAN or Berger's
2 disease, is a rare autoimmune disorder that affects the kidneys and
3 can eventually lead to kidney disease and kidney failure; and

4 WHEREAS, IgAN occurs when a protein called immunoglobulin A
5 builds up in the kidneys, leading to inflammation that
6 progressively inhibits the kidneys' filtration processes; cases
7 can vary dramatically between individuals, with some patients being
8 asymptomatic and others needing dialysis or kidney transplant; and

9 WHEREAS, While treatment can slow the progress of the disease
10 and prevent complications, there is currently no cure for IgAN, and
11 it is estimated that as many as 30 percent of affected individuals
12 will develop end-stage renal disease within 20 years; many patients
13 also experience difficulty getting an accurate diagnosis, which can
14 forestall treatment that can potentially prevent end-stage renal
15 disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Further research is needed to improve therapies for
17 IgAN, and today, more than 30 clinical trials are underway for rare
18 kidney diseases, including IgAN; and

19 WHEREAS, The IgA Nephropathy Foundation is a
20 patient-centered organization that is dedicated to the search for a
21 cure for the disorder; the organization seeks to create a powerful
22 patient community focused on funding research, empowering people
23 living with IgAN, and building greater support for affected
24 individuals and their families; and

1 WHEREAS, Through their tireless advocacy efforts, the IgA
2 Nephropathy Foundation and its Ambassador Program are helping
3 people with IgAN to live fuller, healthier lives and bringing us
4 closer to ultimately finding a cure for this devastating condition;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize the IgAN Foundation and its
8 ambassadors for their outstanding work in the fight against IgA
9 nephropathy and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future;
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the foundation as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.