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H.R. No. 195

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Renal Coalition functions as a
2 clearinghouse for information and serves as a forum for all parties
3 involved in treatment, research, and educational programs relating
4 to kidney disease; and

5 WHEREAS, The Texas Renal Coalition and the National Kidney
6 Foundation monitor health policies, work to increase availability
7 of organ transplants, and seek to improve public awareness of
8 kidney disease through educational programs; and

9 WHEREAS, To that end, the Texas Renal Coalition has invited
10 kidney patients and representatives of the Texas Affiliation of the
11 National Kidney Foundation and the State Association of Medical
12 Professionals to the State Capitol today to draw public attention
13 to the problem of kidney disease and to encourage a dialogue about
14 the public policy needs of kidney patients; and

15 WHEREAS, Also present with us on this day are three citizens
16 whose lives have been personally touched by organ donation: Tom and
17 Janice Wycoff and Dr. Ernie Hodge; Mr. Wycoff donated a kidney to
18 Mrs. Wycoff on their silver wedding anniversary, and Dr. Hodge is
19 the transplant surgeon who performed the operation; their story
20 highlights the ability that living donors have to save the lives of
21 others through their selfless generosity and compassion; and

22 WHEREAS, The Texas Renal Coalition and those who have made a
23 personal commitment to supporting the prevention and treatment of
24 kidney disease are indeed deserving of special recognition at this

1 time; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize February 11, 2003, as Kidney Day at
4 the State Capitol and commend the Texas Renal Coalition and its
5 supporters for their significant efforts to highlight this
6 important health concern; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Texas Renal Coalition as an expression of high
9 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.