

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 129

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to proclaim February 11, 2003, Kidney Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Kidney Day is an event to draw public attention to the problems of kidney disease and to inform the Texas Legislature about the public policy needs of kidney patients; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Renal Coalition hosts this day to bring together everyone interested in the kidney patients of Texas, including the patients, the Texas Affiliation of the National Kidney Foundation, the State Association of Medical Professionals, and the Legislature of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The coalition functions as a clearinghouse for information related to legislative issues and advances in research, and it serves as a forum for all parties involved in the treatment, research, or educational programs related to kidney disease; and

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

WHEREAS, In January of 2003, over 5,000 Texans were on the waiting list for organ transplantation; because many of our fellow citizens die while waiting for a cadaveric organ, more living donors are needed; the number of living donors surpassed cadaveric organ donors in the past year, a trend that is expected to be the wave of the future; and

WHEREAS, To represent and bring praise to living donors, we have with us today three citizens whose lives have been personally touched by organ donation, Tom and Janice Wycoff and Dr. Ernie Hodge, a transplant surgeon; Tom donated a kidney to Janice on their silver anniversary, and Dr. Hodge performed the surgery; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Renal Coalition deserves recognition for its work on behalf of organ transplantation and patients with kidney disease, and all Texans should be proud of the group's efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby proclaim February 11, 2003, Kidney Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Renal Coalition as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Harris, Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 11, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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