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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kidney Day at the Capitol on February 8, 2005,
2 provides a fitting opportunity to focus on the problems faced by
3 kidney patients and the public policy issues that affect these
4 individuals; and

5 WHEREAS, Hosted by the Texas Renal Coalition, this important
6 day brings together many of the groups that are interested in the
7 welfare of kidney patients in Texas, including medical
8 professionals, the National Kidney Foundation Affiliates of Texas,
9 family members of patients, and the patients themselves; and

10 WHEREAS, In Texas alone, some 36,000 patients are on some
11 form of dialysis, while approximately 8,000 individuals have
12 undergone a kidney transplant; dialysis technology has improved
13 greatly over the past several decades, allowing patients to live
14 full and healthy lives; in one exceptional case, a woman gave birth
15 to a child after being on dialysis for four years, and another
16 person has been on dialysis for almost 30 years; and

17 WHEREAS, The Texas Renal Coalition and the National Kidney
18 Foundation Affiliates of Texas monitor health policies for both
19 dialysis and transplant patients and seek to improve public
20 awareness of kidney disease through educational programs; the Texas
21 Renal Coalition functions as a clearinghouse for information
22 related to legislative issues and serves as a forum for all parties
23 involved in the treatment, research, and educational programs
24 related to kidney disease; and

1 WHEREAS, Meeting the health care needs of the Lone Star
2 State's citizens is one of the many goals of the Texas Legislature,
3 and creating awareness of kidney disease is an important element in
4 achieving this worthy objective; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 8, 2005, as Kidney Day at the
7 Capitol and commend the many individuals who contribute their time
8 and energy to helping those who face kidney disease.