RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A gift of a lifetime is celebrated in the official unveiling, by South Texas Health System, of the Rio Grande Valley's first transplant center on March 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, This center fills a great need and introduces a legacy of hope and awareness for the nearly 20 million Americans suffering from chronic kidney disease and the additional 20 million who are at risk for this potentially fatal condition, often called a "silent" killer since so many people are not aware they have it; and WHEREAS, Health care professionals, patient groups, caregivers, and local organizations will convene at the South Texas Transplant Center at McAllen Medical Center to commemorate this monumental occasion; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with World Kidney Day, observed during National Kidney Month in March, the new center represents the effort to direct attention to the vital organs and offer education about the risks of chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, The South Texas Health System is recognized for its reputation of excellence in providing quality health care to the Rio Grande Valley; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 8, 2007, as World Kidney Day at the State Capitol and extend to the community of McAllen sincere best wishes for its efforts in opening the first transplant center in South Texas.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 712 was adopted by the House on March 7, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House