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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, This center fills a great need and introduces a
5 legacy of hope and awareness for the nearly 20 million Americans
6 suffering from Chronic Kidney Disease and the additional 20 million
7 whom are at risk for this potentially fatal condition, often called
8 a "*silent*" killer since so many people are not aware they have it;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Healthcare professionals, patient groups,
11 caregivers and local organizations will convene at the South Texas
12 Transplant Center at McAllen Medical Center to commemorate this
13 monumental occasion; and

14 WHEREAS, In conjunction with "World Kidney Day," observed
15 during "National Kidney Month" in March, the new center represents
16 the effort to direct attention to the vital organs and offer
17 education about the risks of Chronic Kidney Disease.

18 WHEREAS, The South Texas Health System is recognized for its
19 reputation of excellence in providing quality healthcare to the Rio
20 Grande Valley; and

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

1 South Texas.