## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
join the Texas Renal Coalition in recognizing February 15, 2011, as
Kidney Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Renal Coalition is a leader in the 4 prevention and mitigation of the risks, effects, and burdens of 5 chronic kidney diseases; an estimated 33 million Americans, 6 7 representing 16 percent of the population, have kidney disease, and approximately 548,000 Americans are undergoing lifesaving dialysis 8 9 or have had a kidney transplant; in Texas, the incidence of end stage renal disease tripled between 1990 and 2008, and at 377 per 10 11 million, exceeds the national rate; and

12 WHEREAS, Although kidney disease is such a serious and rapidly growing health problem, many Texans remain unaware that 13 14 they are at risk; left undetected, chronic kidney disease results in premature death from heart disease and other complications or in 15 16 kidney failure, requiring dialysis or a transplant to sustain life; early detection and management can prevent or slow the progression 17 of chronic kidney disease to kidney failure and decrease health 18 care expenditures associated with the treatment of advanced kidney 19 20 disease; and

21 WHEREAS, Dedicated to improving care and enhancing public 22 awareness, the Texas Renal Coalition monitors health policies for 23 dialysis and transplant patients, offers educational programs to 24 improve public awareness about the disease, and acts as a

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1 clearinghouse for information related to legislative issues; and

2 WHEREAS, The coalition is a participant on the Chronic Kidney 3 Disease Task Force and works with the Texas Department of State 4 Health Services and other organizations to educate health care 5 professionals about the advantages of early screening, diagnosis, 6 and treatment of chronic kidney disease and end stage renal 7 disease; and

8 WHEREAS, Across the state, members of the Texas Renal 9 Coalition, volunteers, physicians, trained health care providers, 10 organizational partners, patients, and family members are doing an 11 outstanding job in their efforts to provide the best care for kidney 12 patients and those at risk for kidney disease, and they all deserve 13 recognition for their dedication and valuable services; now, 14 therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2011, as Kidney Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to kidney patients and kidney health care providers and advocates who are visiting Austin today; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 21 prepared for the Texas Renal Coalition to commemorate Kidney Day at 22 the State Capitol.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 372 was adopted by the House on February 15, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House