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H.R. No. 372

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2011, as Kidney Day at  
17 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to kidney patients and  
18 kidney health care providers and advocates who are visiting Austin  
19 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.