

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year, more than 75,000 people across the
2 country support the National Kidney Foundation by participating in
3 its Kidney Walk, and many Austinites are taking part in this
4 noteworthy event on May 21, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, The national walk raises over \$7 million annually in
6 behalf of the Kidney Foundation and its initiatives; in addition to
7 public awareness campaigns and free community health screenings and
8 risk factor assessments, the organization provides millions of
9 dollars for clinical research; it also promotes organ donation and
10 advocates for public policies that benefit kidney patients,
11 transplant recipients, organ donors, and their families; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 26 million Americans have chronic kidney
13 disease, and most are not even aware of their condition; because
14 symptoms may not appear until the kidneys are failing, millions of
15 people with kidney damage are not taking the necessary steps to
16 protect their health; approximately 88,000 people in the United
17 States have suffered such severe kidney damage that they are on the
18 waiting list for a kidney transplant, while nearly 400,000 depend
19 on dialysis to stay alive; and

20 WHEREAS, Through early detection and proper treatment,
21 patients can slow the progress of kidney disease; the leading risk
22 factors include high blood pressure, diabetes, and a family history
23 of kidney disease, and African Americans, Latinos, Asians, Native
24 Americans, and the elderly are at an increased risk; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Austin Kidney Walk presents an ideal opportunity
2 for citizens to raise awareness of an all-too-common disease while
3 supporting an organization that contributes to the health and
4 well-being of countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize the 2011 Austin Kidney Walk and extend
7 to all those participating sincere best wishes for a successful
8 event.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2038 was adopted by the House on May 20, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House