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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

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.