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H.R. No. 469

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 19, 2013, 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 almost 600,000 Americans are undergoing lifesaving dialysis or have
9 had a kidney transplant; in Texas, 17 percent of the adult
10 population has kidney disease, and the number of dialysis patients
11 has more than tripled since 1990; and

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

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

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2013, as Kidney Day at
16 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to kidney patients and
17 kidney health care providers and advocates who are visiting Austin
18 today; and, be it further

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