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H.R. No. 355

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Renal Coalition and the Kidney
2 Alliance of Texas are visiting Austin on February 10, 2015, to
3 participate in Kidney Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, This biennial event was established by Rita
5 L. Littlefield, the former president of the Texas Renal Coalition
6 and a founding member of the Kidney Alliance of Texas, who has
7 worked tirelessly for three decades in behalf of kidney patients;
8 the gathering unites patients, health care providers, and others in
9 the drive to raise awareness of a significant medical issue; and

10 WHEREAS, Across the nation, an estimated 30 million people
11 suffer from kidney disease, and more than 600,000 are undergoing
12 lifesaving dialysis or have had a kidney transplant; in Texas, 17
13 percent of the adult population has kidney disease, and the number
14 of dialysis patients has tripled since 1990; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Many medical professionals, organizations, and
24 volunteers in the state are committed to ensuring the highest

1 quality of care for kidney patients; the Texas Renal Coalition
2 contributes significantly to this mission as it monitors health
3 policies for dialysis and transplant patients, offers education
4 programs to improve public awareness about the disease, and acts as
5 a clearinghouse for information related to legislative issues; and

6 WHEREAS, Benefiting from the dedication and leadership of
7 Rita Littlefield, the Texas Renal Coalition, the Kidney Alliance of
8 Texas, and their associates have made a positive difference in the
9 lives of innumerable Texans, and it is most fitting to recognize
10 Ms. Littlefield and these organizations for their achievements;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2015, as Rita L.
14 Littlefield Kidney Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those
15 participating sincere best wishes for a productive and memorable
16 event; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Ms. Littlefield in commemoration of this day and as an
19 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.