

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 12, 2019, to
3 participate in Rita L. Littlefield Kidney Day at the State Capitol;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, This biennial event was established in 1997 by Rita
6 Littlefield, a founding member of the Texas Renal Coalition and the
7 Kidney Alliance of Texas, who has worked tirelessly for more than
8 three decades in behalf of kidney patients; in the drive to raise
9 awareness of a significant medical issue, the gathering unites
10 patients, health care providers, and organizations, including the
11 National Kidney Foundation, Texas Kidney Foundation, South Plains
12 Kidney Foundation, and State Association of Medical Professionals;
13 and

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

22 WHEREAS, Many medical professionals, organizations, and
23 volunteers in the state are committed to ensuring the highest
24 quality of care for kidney patients; the Texas Renal Coalition

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

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

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2019, as Rita
13 L. Littlefield Kidney Day at the State Capitol and extend to all
14 those participating sincere best wishes for a productive and
15 memorable event.

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H.R. No. 167

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 167 was adopted by the House on
February 12, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House