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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.