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House Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing National Kidney Month.

WHEREAS, 20 million Americans suffer from kidney disease, resulting in more than 50,000 chronic kidney-failure-related deaths annually, and

WHEREAS, diabetes and high blood pressure account for 66 percent of the new cases of chronic kidney failure diagnosed each year, and

WHEREAS, more than 260,000 Americans, including 12,000 Floridians, suffer from chronic kidney failure and need dialysis by an artificial kidney machine or kidney transplantation to stay alive, and

WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation is the major voluntary health agency seeking the total answer to diseases of the kidney, nationally and in Florida, and

WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation is universally respected and recognized as a leader in research and the effort to promote public awareness and the need for organ donations, and

WHEREAS, the volunteers and staff of the National Kidney Foundation of Florida spend countless hours working to help ease the plight of dialysis patients, transplant recipients, and others suffering from kidney disease, and

WHEREAS, the month of March is acknowledged as National Kidney Month, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

1 That this legislative body recognizes the month of
2 March, 1998, as "National Kidney Month" in Florida, and urges
3 everyone to join in acknowledging the work of the National
4 Kidney Foundation of Florida and its dedicated volunteers and
5 staff for their unselfish commitment to others.
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