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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing March 15, 2005, as
Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, more than 20 million Americans, about one in
nine adults, have a form of chronic kidney disease and, of
these, more than eight million have significantly reduced
kidney function that, if left untreated, may progress to a
more severe stage of chronic kidney disease, and

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease and the untreated
progression of that disease to stage 5 chronic kidney disease,
known as end-stage renal disease, impacts more than 300,000
Americans, including approximately 18,000 Floridians, and

WHEREAS, individuals over the age of 50 and those who
have a family history of kidney disease or have been diagnosed
with diabetes or hypertension, which account for 60 percent of
the newly diagnosed, are more likely to develop chronic kidney
disease, and

WHEREAS, among the populations disproportionately
impacted are African Americans, who make up 15 percent of the
general population of Florida and account for 39.6 percent of
Floridians with end-stage renal disease, and Hispanics, who
account for 16.8 percent of Floridians with end-stage renal
disease, and

WHEREAS, an individual may exhibit no symptoms of
chronic kidney disease until 75 percent or more of kidney
function is lost but this devastating disease can be prevented
through early screening and proper education, and

WHEREAS, 95 percent of all stage 5 chronic kidney
disease patients are Medicare beneficiaries, representing a
significant cost to the state, and, according to the United

1 States Renal Data Service, Florida is one of five states
2 having the highest percentage of these patients, and

3 WHEREAS, simple, cost-effective means are available to
4 identify and diagnose chronic kidney disease and associated
5 life-threatening complications, and

6 WHEREAS, evidence-based clinical guidelines have been
7 developed by scientists and renal experts and published in
8 peer-reviewed journals, and

9 WHEREAS, routine testing can determine levels of kidney
10 function and provide information for clinicians about
11 therapeutic interventions that may preserve kidney function,
12 sustain life, and delay progression to stage 5 chronic kidney
13 disease or renal transplantation, or both, NOW, THEREFORE,

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15 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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17 That March 15, 2005, is recognized as "Chronic Kidney
18 Disease Awareness Day" in Florida, and all Floridians are
19 urged to investigate the risks associated with chronic kidney
20 disease, and to seek screenings and information about
21 diabetes, hypertension, and chronic kidney disease, in order
22 to benefit from early detection and treatment.

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