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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 22, 2006, as "Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day."

WHEREAS, more than 20 million Americans, about one in nine adults, suffer from a form of chronic kidney disease and, of these, more than 8 million have significantly reduced kidney function that, if left untreated, may progress to the more severe stage of chronic kidney disease, known as end-stage renal disease, and

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease affect approximately 400,000 Americans, of which nearly 19,000 are Floridians, and

WHEREAS, the only treatment options for patients having end-stage renal disease are kidney transplantation and dialysis and, because kidney transplantation is limited due to the severe shortage of donor organs, most end-stage renal disease patients require 4-hour dialysis treatment three times per week, and

WHEREAS, end-stage renal disease patients also suffer from multiple co-morbid conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, anemia, bone disease, and malnutrition and therefore require a regimen of medication therapy, dietary restrictions, and laboratory testing provided at their primary point of care, the dialysis facility, in order to maintain their lives, and

WHEREAS, the multidisciplinary care provided at the dialysis facility to patients having end-stage renal disease has

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28 | resulted in significant improvements in patient outcomes and has  
29 | enhanced the quality of life for this patient population, and

30 |       WHEREAS, most end-stage renal disease patients rely  
31 | primarily on Medicare and Medicaid to cover the costs of their  
32 | life-sustaining care, which includes dialysis treatment,  
33 | medications, laboratory testing, and, as necessary,  
34 | transportation services to the dialysis facility, NOW,  
35 | THEREFORE,

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37 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
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40 |       That March 22, 2206, is recognized as "Chronic Kidney  
41 | Disease Awareness Day" in Florida in the hope that all possible  
42 | support will continue to be extended to end-stage renal disease  
43 | patients in Florida, the country, and the world.