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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 13, 2007, as "Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day" in Florida.

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 suffering from 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, a dialysis facility, in order to maintain their lives, and

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

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

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

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37 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
38 | Florida:

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40 | That March 13, 2007, 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.