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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 11, 2010, as "Chronic
3 Kidney Disease Awareness Day."

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5 WHEREAS, healthy kidneys are essential for regulating water
6 and other chemicals in human blood; removing fluids, waste,
7 toxins, and drugs introduced into the body; releasing hormones
8 that regulate blood pressure; making red blood cells; and
9 promoting strong bones, and

10 WHEREAS, more than 1.8 million Floridians, or approximately
11 one in nine adults, suffer from chronic kidney disease, and

12 WHEREAS, of the 19,000 Floridians afflicted with end-stage
13 renal disease, about 40 percent are African American and 16
14 percent are Hispanic, and

15 WHEREAS, the two main causes of chronic kidney disease are
16 diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible for up
17 to two-thirds of the cases, and

18 WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of Florida has a
19 health-screening program to identify people early who are at
20 risk of having kidney disease, and

21 WHEREAS, the mission of the National Kidney Foundation of
22 Florida is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve
23 the health and well-being of individuals and families affected
24 by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs
25 for transplantation, and

26 WHEREAS, early detection, including regular reporting of
27 the glomerular filtration rate, which is currently the best
28 indication of kidney disease staging, can help prevent the
29 progression of kidney disease to kidney failure, which requires

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30 continual dialysis or a kidney transplant in order to maintain
31 life, and

32 WHEREAS, the cost of treating patients who have kidney
33 disease is disproportionately higher than the cost of treating
34 any other chronic disease, and

35 WHEREAS, most patients who have end-stage renal disease
36 rely primarily on Medicare and Medicaid to cover the costs of
37 their life-sustaining care, which includes dialysis treatment,
38 medications, laboratory testing, and, as necessary,
39 transportation services to the dialysis facility, and, as a
40 consequence, any changes in Medicare and Medicaid eligibility
41 will significantly put those patients at risk, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That March 11, 2010, is recognized as "Chronic Kidney
46 Disease Awareness Day" in Florida in the hope that all possible
47 support will be extended to chronic kidney disease patients,
48 including expanding the scope of study at the Agency for Health
49 Care Administration to include a study of early screening,
50 diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney disease.