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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing February 13-17, 2012, as  
3 "Kidney Awareness Week" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, 26 million American adults have Chronic Kidney  
6 Disease (CKD) and millions of others are at risk in the United  
7 States, and

8 WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders,  
9 Native Americans, and seniors have an increased risk of  
10 developing CKD, and

11 WHEREAS, the two main causes of CKD are diabetes and high  
12 blood pressure, and there is a high correlation between CKD and  
13 hypertension, and

14 WHEREAS, the kidneys serve many important functions,  
15 including regulating the body's water and chemicals within the  
16 blood, removing toxins introduced into the body, releasing  
17 hormones that regulate blood pressure, making red blood cells,  
18 and producing an active form of vitamin D that promotes strong  
19 bone density, and

20 WHEREAS, through the damage inflicted by CKD, the vital  
21 functions of the kidney are compromised, causing a wide array of  
22 health issues that can be very serious, and

23 WHEREAS, persons with CKD may develop other complications  
24 such as anemia, high blood pressure, weak bones, nerve damage,  
25 and other disorders, and

26 WHEREAS, as the disease progresses, it may lead to kidney  
27 failure, which requires dialysis or a kidney transplant for the  
28 patient to survive, and

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29 WHEREAS, many other conditions also affect the kidneys,  
30 including Glomerulonephritis, which is the third most common  
31 type of kidney disease, polycystic kidney disease, malformations  
32 that occur as a baby develops in its mother's womb, repeated  
33 urinary infections, kidney stones, enlarged prostate glands,  
34 Lupus, and other diseases that affect the body's immune system,  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, early detection of CKD is crucial and often  
37 simple, and includes a blood pressure measurement, urine testing  
38 for excess proteins, and a blood test for creatinine, NOW,  
39 THEREFORE,

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

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44 That February 13-17, 2012, is recognized as "Kidney  
45 Awareness Week" in the State of Florida.