

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 383

Commending the NephCure Foundation for its sponsorship of National Kidney Cure Week and encouraging the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make more information available to the public concerning kidney diseases.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 2002

Ms. RIVERS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending the NephCure Foundation for its sponsorship of National Kidney Cure Week and encouraging the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make more information available to the public concerning kidney diseases.

Whereas the Surgeon General designated kidney diseases as one of the focus areas of the Healthy People 2010 campaign;

Whereas 2,500,000 people in the United States suffer from kidney diseases and of that number approximately 398,000 are afflicted with End Stage Renal Disease, 90 percent of which is caused by glomerular diseases;

Whereas glomerular diseases of the kidney cause 360,000 people in the United States to rely on dialysis for life and that number is expected to escalate to 660,000 people by the year 2010;

Whereas countless more people in the United States live with the early effects of glomerular diseases and too many cases are undiagnosed or misdiagnosed;

Whereas there is not yet a cure for glomerular diseases, but there are treatments available when quickly and accurately diagnosed;

Whereas glomerular diseases cost the United States \$15,000,000,000 in direct public health expenditures per year;

Whereas people of color are disproportionately affected by glomerular diseases;

Whereas greater resources should be directed to researching the causes of glomerular diseases and to finding a cure; and

Whereas the NephCure Foundation, with national headquarters in Ann Arbor, Michigan, a foundation which combats kidney diseases, will sponsor a National Kidney Cure Week the first week of October in order to further educate health care providers and the public about glomerular diseases: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That the Congress—*
- 3            (1) commends the NephCure Foundation for its
- 4            sponsorship of National Kidney Cure Week; and

1           (2) encourages the Secretary of Health and  
2           Human Services to—

3                   (A) make more information available to the  
4           public concerning glomerular diseases and the  
5           developments made by researchers into the  
6           causes of glomerular diseases; and

7                   (B) present public service announcements  
8           on kidney disease prevention and diagnosis.

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