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4 Chestnut, Shaver, Morris, Smith, Dismukes, Hanes, McCampbell,
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6 Marques, Sorrells, Mooney, Simpson, Stadthagen, Brown (C),
7 Sullivan, Whitt, Reynolds, Easterbrook, Kitchens, Wheeler,
8 Oliver, Crawford, Givan, Coleman and Gaston
9 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING MARCH 2021 AS RARE KIDNEY DISEASE
4 AWARENESS MONTH IN ALABAMA.
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6 WHEREAS, in an effort to increase awareness and
7 promote research to improve treatment and seek a cure, March
8 is recognized as Rare Kidney Disease Awareness Month; it is
9 important to raise public awareness and understanding of rare
10 kidney diseases, such as APOL1 mediated focal segmental
11 glomerulosclerosis (FSGS); and

12 WHEREAS, APOL1 genetic variants account for much of
13 the excess risk of chronic and end stage kidney disease for
14 persons of African ancestry, including people who identify as
15 African American, Afro-Caribbean, and Latinx; and

16 WHEREAS, APOL1 explains the disproportionate rate of
17 kidney disease in people of African ancestry; African
18 Americans make up 13 percent of the United States' population,
19 but account for 32 percent of all kidney failure and 35
20 percent of all end stage kidney disease; in addition, African
21 Americans are four times more likely to develop kidney failure
22 than white Americans; and

23 WHEREAS, APOL1-mediated FSGS is a rapidly
24 progressive kidney disorder that results in high levels of
25 protein in the urine and decreased ability of the kidney to

1 function; the disease almost invariably leads to kidney
2 failure, which requires dialysis or a transplant; in 50
3 percent of those living with APOL1-mediated FSGS, kidney
4 failure occurs within five years; symptoms do not present
5 until kidney damage is advanced; when symptoms emerge, they
6 include fatigue, swelling in the legs and feet and weight
7 gain, among others; and

8 WHEREAS, Rare Kidney Disease Awareness month
9 provides opportunities for Alabamians to become involved and
10 increase public awareness and understanding of rare kidney
11 disease and could lead to early diagnosis and care for some of
12 the most vulnerable populations and empower and educate those
13 at risk on how they can manage it; there are currently no
14 approved treatments that address the underlying cause of
15 APOL1-mediated FSGS; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That March 2021 is recognized as
18 Rare Kidney Disease Awareness Month, and this resolution is
19 offered in highest tribute to those impacted by the disease
20 and we encourage the cooperation and participation of all
21 Alabama citizens in the research for effective treatment and a
22 cure.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 18-MAR-21.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

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