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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Expressing support for the designation of April 30, 2024, as “APOL1-Mediated Kidney Disease (AMKD) Awareness Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. PLASKETT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the last Tuesday in April, as “APOL1-Mediated Kidney Disease (AMKD) Aware-ness Day”.

Whereas kidney disease affects an estimated 37,000,000 Americans, and more than 550,000 are on dialysis;

Whereas Black individuals with kidney disease are more likely to develop kidney failure than any other racial group;

Whereas the health disparities in kidney failure are unsustainable, with Black people making up 13 percent of the United States population but accounting for 35 percent of those with kidney failure;

Whereas kidney failure places enormous physical, emotional, and financial burdens on individuals and costs the Medicare Program over \$50,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas there are genetic factors that can increase an individual's risk for kidney disease;

Whereas one such genetic factor is having variants (mutations) in the apolipoprotein L1 (APO11) gene;

Whereas people are more likely to have APO11 gene variants if they are from Western or Central Africa or have an ancestor who came from these regions;

Whereas these variants can increase susceptibility for APO11-mediated kidney disease (AMKD), a rapidly progressive form of kidney disease that can lead to kidney failure;

Whereas it is estimated that if a patient has variants in both copies of the APO11 gene, there is a 1 in 5 chance they will go on to develop kidney disease, and an estimated 13 percent of Black Americans have variants in both copies of the APO11 gene;

Whereas a person with AMKD may not have any symptoms of kidney disease until their kidneys are close to failing;

Whereas genetic testing can reveal an individual's risk for AMKD, empowering them to take the steps necessary to protect their kidney health before it is too late;

Whereas individuals who are found to have APO11 genetic variants can reduce their risk for kidney failure by meeting with their doctor regularly, eating a healthy diet, taking all medications as prescribed, exercising for at least 30 minutes a day, and not smoking or using tobacco;

Whereas additional awareness and research of APOL1 genetic mutations are needed to improve understanding of the kidney disease disparities in this population;

Whereas there are currently no Food and Drug Administration-approved treatments available for APOL1-mediated kidney disease, but ongoing research and clinical trials could provide an opportunity for researchers to develop and test safe treatments for APOL1-mediated kidney disease; and

Whereas the House of Representatives can raise public awareness of APOL1-mediated kidney disease: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses support for the designation of
3 “APOL1-Mediated Kidney Disease (AMKD) Awareness Day”;

4 (2) encourages each person of the United
5 States to become better informed about and aware
6 of kidney disease and APOL1-mediated kidney disease;
7 and
8 ease; and

9 (3) encourages people from or with ancestry
10 from Western and Central Africa to consider genetic
11 testing for APOL1 gene mutations.