

House Resolution 1051

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Bruce of the 61st, Schofield of the 60th, Williams of the 168th, and Hugley of the 136th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 2022 as Rare Kidney Disease Awareness Month in Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, March is recognized as National Kidney Month and it is an important
4 opportunity to raise public awareness and understanding of rare kidney diseases, such as
5 APOL1 mediated kidney disease; and

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

9 WHEREAS, APOL1 explains the disproportionate rate of kidney disease in people of
10 African ancestry; African Americans make up 13 percent of the United States population but
11 account for 32 percent of all those with kidney failure and 35 percent of all those with end
12 stage kidney disease; in addition, African Americans are four times more likely to develop
13 kidney failure than White Americans; and

14 WHEREAS, APOL1 mediated kidney disease is driven by genetic factors and is
15 underdiagnosed; and

16 WHEREAS, symptoms do not present until kidney damage is advanced and include fatigue,
17 swelling in the legs and feet, and weight gain, among others; and

18 WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and understanding of the genetic causes of rare
19 kidney disease could lead to early diagnosis and care for some of the most vulnerable
20 populations and empower and educate those at risk on how it can be managed.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize March 2022 as Rare Kidney Disease Awareness Month
23 in Georgia.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 public and the press.