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1                                   Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_  
2           A resolution recognizing June 1999 as Prostate  
3           Cancer Awareness Month.  
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5           WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common type of  
6           cancer among men in the United States and in Florida, and the  
7           second leading cause of cancer death among men, and  
8           WHEREAS, an estimated 179,300 men in the United States  
9           will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during 1999, and 13,600  
10          of them will be residents of Florida, and  
11          WHEREAS, an estimated 37,000 men in the United States  
12          will die from prostate cancer in 1999, and 2,800 of them will  
13          be residents of Florida, and  
14          WHEREAS, men who are members of a racial minority have  
15          a 50 percent higher risk of being diagnosed with prostate  
16          cancer, and  
17          WHEREAS, men who are members of a racial minority and  
18          who have prostate cancer are more than twice as likely to die  
19          of the disease, and  
20          WHEREAS, June is a month in which we commemorate men by  
21          the observance of Father's Day and of National Men's Health  
22          Week, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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24          Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:  
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26                 That the Florida Senate recognizes June 1999 as  
27          Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Florida and urges all men,  
28          and particularly members of high-risk populations, to become  
29          aware of the risks and symptoms associated with prostate  
30          cancer and to be informed about screening tests, methods for  
31          early detection, and treatment.