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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing June 2002 as Prostate
Cancer Awareness Month in Florida.

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common cancer
diagnosed among men in Florida, and the American Cancer
Society estimates that 15,000 new cases of prostate cancer
will have been diagnosed among Florida males in 2001 once
reports for that year are completed, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society anticipates that
by the end of the year 2001 there will have been 2,400 deaths
in Florida attributed to prostate cancer, and

WHEREAS, African-American men have a 47-percent higher
incidence of prostate cancer than white men, and
African-American men are twice as likely to die of prostate
cancer than are white men, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that
annual prostate screening begin at age 50, except that men at
high risk of cancer, such as African-American males and males
with a family history of the disease, are recommended to begin
annual screening at age 45, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society supports the
annual African-American Men's Health Summit as an effort to
increase prostate cancer awareness and prostate screening
among African-American men in Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Man-to-Man Program of the American Cancer
Society is an attempt to increase prostate cancer awareness,
education, and support, particularly during the month of June
but throughout the rest of the year as well, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That the House of Representatives recognizes the month
5 of June 2002 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Florida and
6 urges all men to gain a better understanding of the risks
7 associated with prostate cancer, to take preventive steps to
8 minimize those risks, and to consult their doctors about
9 annual prostate cancer screening in compliance with the
10 American Cancer Society prostate cancer screening guidelines.

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