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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing September 2003 as "Prostate  
3 Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.  
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5 WHEREAS, Florida ranks second highest in the nation in the  
6 number of cases of prostate cancer diagnosed and deaths  
7 attributed to this disease, the most common type of cancer  
8 occurring among men in Florida, with an estimated 15,000 new  
9 cases having been diagnosed and 2,400 deaths recorded in the  
10 year 2002, and

11 WHEREAS, African American men, who have the highest  
12 prostate cancer death rate in the world, have a 47-percent  
13 higher incidence of the disease than white men and twice the  
14 mortality rate, and

15 WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for patients whose  
16 cancers are diagnosed during the early stages is 100 percent;  
17 therefore, the American Cancer Society recommends annual  
18 prostate screening beginning at age 45 for high-risk men such as  
19 African Americans and those with a family history of the disease  
20 and at age 50 for the rest of the male population, and

21 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society strongly supports  
22 African American Men's Health Summits, held in 16 major  
23 metropolitan areas of the state and designed to increase  
24 prostate cancer awareness and promote prostate screening among  
25 African American men in Florida; and the Society's Man-to-Man  
26 program is a further attempt to provide much-needed awareness,  
27 education, and support in connection with this all-too-prevalent  
28 disease, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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30 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
31 Florida:

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33 That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the  
34 month of September 2003 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in  
35 Florida and urges all men to become acquainted with the risks  
36 associated with prostate cancer, to take preventive steps to  
37 minimize those risks, and to consult their doctors about annual  
38 prostate cancer screening and compliance with the American  
39 Cancer Society's recommended prostate cancer screening  
40 guidelines.