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1 Senate Resolution No. ___ 2 A resolution recognizing May 2004 as "Florida 3 Osteoporosis-Prevention Month." 4 5 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is a debilitating disease that 6 decreases bone mass and causes bones to become fragile and 7 more likely to break, and WHEREAS, osteoporosis afflicts more than 44 million 8 9 people throughout the nation and costs more than \$17 billion 10 annually in medical care and treatment, and WHEREAS, by the year 2010, the number of Americans 11 12 afflicted by osteoporosis is expected to climb to 52 million, 13 and 14 WHEREAS, more than 2 million Floridians presently suffer from osteoporosis, which causes more than 22,000 hip 15 fractures annually, and 16 17 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is a true threat to public health, but can be prevented by eating foods high in calcium, 18 getting plenty of physical exercise, not smoking, and limiting 19 20 alcohol use, NOW, THEREFORE, 21 22 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: 23 That the Florida Senate recognizes May 2004 as "Florida 24 25 Osteoporosis-Prevention Month." BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, 26 27 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the 28 Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of the State of Florida, with a request that he declare May 2004 as "Florida 29 30 Osteoporosis-Prevention Month."