By Senator Hill

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1	Senate Resolution No
2	A resolution recognizing September 2005 as
3	"Prostate Cancer Awareness Month."
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5	WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common cancer
6	diagnosed among men in Florida, and the American Cancer
7	Society estimates that more than 19,650 new cases of prostate
8	cancer will be diagnosed among Florida men during 2005, and
9	WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society also anticipates
10	that there will be more than 2,570 deaths in Florida this year
11	attributed to prostate cancer, and
12	WHEREAS, Florida has the second-highest number of
13	prostate cancer cases and deaths in the United States, and
14	WHEREAS, African-American and black men have the
15	highest prostate cancer death rate in the world, and a
16	mortality rate that is twice that of white men, and
17	WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that
18	annual prostate cancer testing begin at age 50, except for men
19	at high-risk, such as African-Americans and men having a
20	family history of the disease, who are advised to begin annual
21	screening at age 45, and
22	WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for prostate cancer
23	patients is 100 percent if the disease is diagnosed at the
24	local and regional stages, otherwise known as the early
25	stages, and
26	WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society supports
27	African-American Men's Health Summits in at least 16 major
28	metropolitan areas across the state in an attempt to increase
29	prostate cancer awareness and prostate screening among
30	African-American men in Florida, and
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WHEREAS, the Man-to-Man Program of the American Cancer Society attempts to increase prostate cancer awareness, education, and support during the month of September and throughout the year, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: That September 2005 is recognized as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and all men are urged to understand the risks associated with prostate cancer, to take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to talk to their doctor about annual prostate cancer screening and compliance with the prostate cancer screening guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society.