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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing September 2006 as
"Prostate Cancer Awareness Month."

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common cancer
diagnosed among men in Florida, and the American Cancer
Society estimates that more than 19,650 new cases of prostate
cancer will be diagnosed among Florida men during 2006, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society also anticipates
that there will be more than 2,570 deaths in Florida this year
attributed to prostate cancer, and

WHEREAS, Florida has the second-highest number of
prostate cancer cases and deaths in the United States, and

WHEREAS, African-American and black men have the
highest prostate cancer death rate in the world, and a
mortality rate that is twice that of white men, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that
annual prostate cancer testing begin at age 50, except for men
at high-risk, such as African-Americans and men having a
family history of the disease, who are advised to begin annual
screening at age 45, and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for prostate cancer
patients is 100 percent if the disease is diagnosed at the
local and regional stages, otherwise known as the early
stages, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society supports
African-American Men's Health Summits in at least 16 major
metropolitan areas across the state in an attempt to increase
prostate cancer awareness and prostate screening among
African-American men in Florida, and

1 WHEREAS, the Man-to-Man Program of the American Cancer
2 Society attempts to increase prostate cancer awareness,
3 education, and support during the month of September and
4 throughout the year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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6 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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8 That September 2006 is recognized as "Prostate Cancer
9 Awareness Month" in Florida and all men are urged to
10 understand the risks associated with prostate cancer, to take
11 preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to talk to their
12 doctor about annual prostate cancer screening and compliance
13 with the prostate cancer screening guidelines recommended by
14 the American Cancer Society.

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