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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the month of September 2006 as
"Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer diagnosed among men in Florida, and the state ranks second highest in the United States in the number of such cases and resultant deaths, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that during the year 2006 more than 18,090 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in Florida and more than 2,110 men will die from the disease, and

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

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for prostate cancer patients is nearly 100 percent if the disease is diagnosed at the local and regional stages, otherwise known as the early stages, and the American Cancer Society recommends annual testing beginning at age 45 for high-risk men, such as African Americans and men with a family history of the disease, with recommended annual screening for men at less risk to start at age 50, and

WHEREAS, each year, 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, education, and support and to

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28 | encourage prostate screening among African-American men in
29 | Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
32 | Florida:

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34 | That the House of Representatives recognizes the month of
35 | September 2006 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida
36 | and urges all men to avail themselves of a better understanding
37 | of the risks associated with prostate cancer, to take preventive
38 | measures to minimize those risks, and to talk with their doctors
39 | about annual prostate cancer screening as recommended by the
40 | American Cancer Society prostate cancer screening guidelines.