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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the month of September 2008 as
3 "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer
6 diagnosed among men in Florida, and the state has the second
7 highest number of prostate cancer deaths and the third highest
8 number of prostate cancer cases in the United States, and

9 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that during
10 the year 2008 more than 11,380 new cases of prostate cancer will
11 be diagnosed among Florida men, and

12 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society also anticipates there
13 will be more than 2,520 deaths in Florida this year due to
14 prostate cancer, and

15 WHEREAS, African-American and black men have the highest
16 rate of prostate cancer death in the world and a mortality rate
17 for the disease that is twice that of Caucasian men, and

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

23 WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for prostate cancer
24 patients is nearly 100 percent if the disease is diagnosed at
25 the local and regional stages, otherwise known as the early
26 stages, and

27 WHEREAS, each year, the American Cancer Society supports
28 African-American Men's Health Summits in at least 16 major

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29 | metropolitan areas across the state in an attempt to increase
30 | prostate cancer awareness, education, and support and to
31 | encourage prostate screening among African-American men in
32 | Florida, and

33 | WHEREAS, the Man-to-Man program of the American Cancer
34 | Society attempts to increase prostate cancer awareness,
35 | education, and support during the month of September, in
36 | particular, but throughout the rest of the year as well, NOW,
37 | THEREFORE,

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39 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
40 | Florida:

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42 | That the House of Representatives recognizes the month of
43 | September 2008 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida
44 | and urges all men to avail themselves of a better understanding
45 | of the risks associated with prostate cancer, to take preventive
46 | measures to minimize those risks, and to talk with their doctors
47 | about annual prostate cancer screening as recommended by the
48 | American Cancer Society prostate cancer screening guidelines.