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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing September 2009 as "Prostate  
3 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 Society  
7 estimates that more than 186,320 new cases of prostate cancer  
8 will be diagnosed among men in the United States during 2009,  
9 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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30 Florida, and

31 WHEREAS, the Man-to-Man Program of the American Cancer  
32 Society attempts to increase prostate cancer awareness,  
33 education, and support during the month of September and  
34 throughout the year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38 That September 2009 is recognized as "Prostate Cancer  
39 Awareness Month" in Florida and all men are urged to understand  
40 the risks associated with prostate cancer, to take preventive  
41 steps to minimize those risks, and to talk to their doctor about  
42 annual prostate cancer screening and compliance with the  
43 prostate cancer screening guidelines recommended by the American  
44 Cancer Society.