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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing October 2010 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer, excluding skin cancer, in women and ranks second among cancer deaths in women in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks second in the nation in the number of breast cancer deaths and fourth in the nation in the number of new breast cancer cases, and

WHEREAS, all women are at risk for breast cancer, with breast cancers predominantly occurring in women age 50 and older and the risk increasing with age until age 80, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that more than 12,650 new cases of invasive breast cancer in Florida were diagnosed, and more than 2,700 women died of the disease during the year 2009, and

WHEREAS, a woman living in Florida has a one-in-eight chance of developing breast cancer, and

WHEREAS, in the United States, breast cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in white, African American, Asian American, and American Indian women, and the first most common cause among Hispanic women, and

WHEREAS, early detection, through routine clinical exams and mammography screening beginning at age 40 in compliance with the American Cancer Society recommended guidelines, is the key to detecting breast cancer at its earliest stages, and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for breast cancer when the disease is found in its earliest stages is about 98 percent,

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30 but the survival rate drops to about 27 percent if the cancer is
31 detected late, in a stage of metastases, and

32 WHEREAS, in conjunction with the promotion of October as
33 "Breast Cancer Awareness Month," breast cancer awareness
34 programs, such as the American Cancer Society's Reach to
35 Recovery program, will promote early breast cancer detection
36 through regular screening and, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That October 2010 is recognized as "Breast Cancer Awareness
41 Month" in Florida.