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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing September 2011 as "Prostate  
3 Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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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, in 2010, more than 217,730 new cases of prostate  
8 cancer were diagnosed in the United States and that there were  
9 more than 2,590 deaths in Florida last year attributed to  
10 prostate cancer, and

11 WHEREAS, of all the United States, Florida ranks third in  
12 the number of prostate cancer cases and second in the number of  
13 prostate cancer deaths, and

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, the Man-to-Man Program of the American Cancer  
27 Society attempts to increase prostate cancer awareness,  
28 education, and support during the month of September and

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29 | throughout the year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 |       That September 2011 is recognized as "Prostate Cancer  
35 | Awareness Month" in Florida and all men are urged to understand  
36 | the risks associated with prostate cancer, to take preventive  
37 | steps to minimize those risks, and to consult their doctors  
38 | about annual prostate cancer screening and compliance with the  
39 | screening guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society.