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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing July 2012 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, bladder cancer is the fifth most common cancer in the United States, and

WHEREAS, men have a 1 in 27 chance and women have a 1 in 86 chance of being diagnosed with bladder cancer in their lifetime, and

WHEREAS, every year in the United States approximately 70,000 new cases of bladder cancer are diagnosed and nearly 14,000 people die from the disease, and

WHEREAS, bladder cancer occurs in more women annually than cervical cancer, and

WHEREAS, women often have a delayed diagnosis due to bladder cancer being mistaken for common gynecological problems, and

WHEREAS, although bladder cancer can occur at any age, a high percentage of people suffering from the disease are over the age of 55, and

WHEREAS, due to a nearly 80 percent reoccurrence rate, bladder cancer is one of the most expensive cancers to treat, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That July 2012 is recognized as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.