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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing November 2016 as "Bladder
3 Health Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, tens of millions of Americans are affected by
6 bladder diseases and conditions, including urinary incontinence,
7 overactive bladder, underactive bladder, interstitial cystitis,
8 nocturia, urinary tract infections, bladder cancer, urotrauma,
9 and neurogenic bladder, and

10 WHEREAS, bladder diseases and conditions have a significant
11 impact on health and quality of life, contributing to
12 depression, social isolation, falls, sexual dysfunction, loss of
13 self-esteem, hospitalization, nursing home admissions, and
14 death, and

15 WHEREAS, there is a critical need for medical and
16 behavioral research to better understand and maintain bladder
17 health and treat bladder diseases, and

18 WHEREAS, bladder problems are highly stigmatized, and open
19 dialogue generated by Bladder Health Month can reduce the stigma
20 associated with bladder diseases and conditions and empower
21 providers and patients to have much-needed conversations about
22 bladder health, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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26 That November 2016 is recognized as "Bladder Health Month"
27 in Florida.