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House Resolution

A resolution designating May 2016 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, according to the National Cancer Institute, bladder cancer is the fifth most common cancer in the United States, and

WHEREAS, among the states, Florida has the third largest population and third highest number of average bladder cancer diagnoses per year as of 2012, and

WHEREAS, bladder cancer is the fourth most common cancer in men, and one out of forty-two persons will be diagnosed with bladder cancer in their lifetime, and

WHEREAS, men have a 1 in 26 chance and women have a 1 in 90 chance of being diagnosed with bladder cancer during their lifetimes, and

WHEREAS, last year in the United States, approximately 74,000 new cases of bladder cancer were diagnosed and nearly 16,000 people were estimated to have died 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, approximately 500,000 people in the United States have a history of bladder cancer, and

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27 WHEREAS, although bladder cancer can occur at any age, a
28 high percentage of people suffering from the disease are over
29 the age of 40, and

30 WHEREAS, even though bladder cancer is the fifth most
31 common cancer in the United States, it ranks twenty-first in
32 research money received as of 2013, and

33 WHEREAS, due to a reoccurrence rate of 50 to 80 percent,
34 bladder cancer is one of the most expensive cancers to treat,
35 NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
38 Florida:

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40 That May 2016 is designated as "Bladder Cancer Awareness
41 Month" in Florida.