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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing May 2017 as "Bladder Cancer
3 Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's Cancer Statistics
6 Center estimates that, in 2017, 79,030 new cases of urinary
7 bladder cancer will be diagnosed nationwide, with 16,870 people
8 dying from the disease, and

9 WHEREAS, approximately 587,000 people in the United States
10 are currently living with a diagnosis of urinary bladder cancer,
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the center estimates that Florida will have 6,430
13 new cases of urinary bladder cancer in 2017, making it the sixth
14 most common cancer in this state in terms of new cases, and

15 WHEREAS, although bladder cancer can occur at any age, the
16 center reports that a higher percentage of people suffering from
17 the disease are over the age of 55, with the historical
18 probability of developing urinary bladder cancer highest for
19 those over the age of 70, and

20 WHEREAS, in keeping with its population ranking and large
21 elderly population, Florida is projected by the center to have
22 the second highest number of new cases of urinary bladder cancer
23 in the 50 states in 2017, and

24 WHEREAS, the center reports that urinary bladder cancer was
25 the fourth most common cancer in men in Florida for the 5-year
26 period beginning in 2009, with men currently having a 1 in 26
27 chance of being diagnosed in their lifetimes, while women have
28 only a 1 in 88 chance of being diagnosed, and

29 WHEREAS, due to a recurrence rate of greater than 50
30 percent, urinary bladder cancer is one of the most expensive
31 cancers to treat over the lifetime of the patient, and

32 WHEREAS, smoking, employment in certain professions with

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33 chemical exposures, and certain military chemical exposures
34 increase the likelihood that an individual will develop urinary
35 bladder cancer, and

36 WHEREAS, the diagnosis of urinary bladder cancer in women
37 is often delayed until after common gynecological problems can
38 be ruled out, and

39 WHEREAS, most people do not know the early, vague signs and
40 symptoms of urinary bladder cancer and should discuss concerns
41 about their urinary systems with their doctor, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That May 2017 is recognized as "Bladder Cancer Awareness
46 Month" in Florida.