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1 House Resolution

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

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

8 WHEREAS, among the states, Florida has the second highest
9 average number of bladder cancer diagnoses per year as of 2017,
10 and

11 WHEREAS, bladder cancer is the fourth most common cancer in
12 men and approximately 587,000 people in the United States
13 currently live with bladder cancer, and

14 WHEREAS, men have a 1 in 26 chance and women have a 1 in 88
15 chance of being diagnosed with bladder cancer during their
16 lifetimes, and

17 WHEREAS, in 2017, an estimated 79,030 new cases of bladder
18 cancer will be diagnosed, and an estimated 16,870 people will
19 die from the disease, in the United States, and

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

23 WHEREAS, even though bladder cancer is the fifth most
24 common cancer in the United States, bladder cancer awareness and

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25 | research lags far behind that of other commonly diagnosed
26 | cancers, and

27 | WHEREAS, smoking and exposure to certain chemicals may
28 | increase a person's likelihood of developing bladder cancer, and

29 | WHEREAS, due to a recurrence rate of 50 to 80 percent,
30 | bladder cancer is one of the most expensive cancers to treat,
31 | and

32 | WHEREAS, because diagnosis can frequently be delayed due to
33 | lack of awareness, patients should discuss anything unusual in
34 | their urinary system with their doctor, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 | That May 2017 is designated as "Bladder Cancer Awareness
40 | Month" in Florida.