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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2017 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, other than skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer among American men, with an estimated 180,890 new cases in 2016, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that nearly 27,000 Americans will die from prostate cancer in 2017, with African American men more than twice as likely to die of prostate cancer as white men, and

WHEREAS, while the risk of developing prostate cancer increases exponentially as men age, almost 100 percent of prostate cancer cases are curable with treatment, and

WHEREAS, there is a direct correlation between the reduction of late-stage prostate cancers and increase in Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) testing, such that the expansion of PSA testing may be credited for a 40 percent drop in mortality rates associated with prostate cancer compared to the early 1990s, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that men make an informed decision about whether to be screened for prostate cancer after discussing information about the uncertainties, risks, and potential benefits of prostate cancer screening with their health care providers, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the month of April 2017 is recognized as "Prostate  
Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.