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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating May 2019 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 sixth most common cancer in the United
7 States, and

8 WHEREAS, as of 2019, Florida had the second highest average
9 number of bladder cancer diagnoses per year, and

10 WHEREAS, as of 2015, approximately 708,444 people were
11 living with bladder cancer, and

12 WHEREAS, bladder cancer occurs approximately three times
13 more often in men than in women, and it is the fourth most
14 common cancer in men, and

15 WHEREAS, in 2019, approximately 80,470 new cases of bladder
16 cancer were diagnosed, and an estimated 17,670 people died from
17 the disease, and

18 WHEREAS, bladder cancer can occur at any age, but a high
19 percentage of people suffering from the disease are older than
20 55, and

21 WHEREAS, even though bladder cancer is the sixth most
22 common cancer in the United States, it is ranked 19th in
23 research spending, and

24 WHEREAS, smoking and exposure to certain chemicals may
25 increase a person's likelihood of developing bladder cancer, and

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26 WHEREAS, because a bladder cancer diagnosis can frequently
27 be delayed due to a lack of awareness of the early symptoms,
28 patients should discuss urinary changes or concerns about their
29 urinary systems with their doctors, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That May 2019 is designated as "Bladder Cancer Awareness
35 Month" in Florida.