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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating May 2015 as "Bladder Cancer
3 Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
6 Prevention, bladder cancer is the sixth most common cancer in
7 the United States, and

8 WHEREAS, among the states, Florida has the third largest
9 population, the third highest incidence of bladder cancer, and
10 the second highest rate of bladder cancer deaths in the country,
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12 WHEREAS, bladder cancer is the fourth most common cancer in
13 men and the eleventh most common cancer in women, and

14 WHEREAS, men have a 1 in 27 chance and women have a 1 in 86
15 chance of being diagnosed with bladder cancer during their
16 lifetimes, and

17 WHEREAS, this year in the United States, approximately
18 74,000 new cases of bladder cancer will be diagnosed and nearly
19 16,000 people will die from the disease, and

20 WHEREAS, bladder cancer occurs in more women annually than
21 cervical cancer, and

22 WHEREAS, women often have a delayed diagnosis due to
23 bladder cancer being mistaken for common gynecological problems,
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25 WHEREAS, although bladder cancer can occur at any age, a
26 high percentage of people suffering from the disease are over
27 the age of 55, and

28 WHEREAS, even though bladder cancer is the sixth most
29 common cancer in the United States, it ranks nineteenth in
30 research money received, and

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

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

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38 That May 2015 is designated as "Bladder Cancer Awareness
39 Month" in Florida.