

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 131

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A Resolution to designate the month of June 2006 as Prostate
Cancer Awareness Month and to encourage all health
benefit plan providers to include annual screening
for prostate cancer as part of their coverage.

WHEREAS, over 200,000 men in the United States will
be diagnosed with prostate cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of screening for cancer is to
detect the cancer at its earliest stages, before any
symptoms have developed; and

WHEREAS, screening for prostate cancer can be
performed quickly and easily in a physician's office
using two tests: the prostate specific antigen blood
test and the digital rectal examination; and

WHEREAS, when caught and treated early, prostate
cancer has a cure rate of over 90 percent; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends
that both the test and the examination should be
offered annually, and depending on individual
circumstances this testing should begin as early as 40
years of age for certain high-risk men; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
That the House of Representatives designates the month
of June 2006 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and
encourages all health benefit plan providers to
include annual screening for prostate cancer for men
over 40 years of age as part of their coverage
package, in accordance with the early detection
guidelines of the National Comprehensive Cancer

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