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1 Senate Resolution No. _____

2 A resolution recognizing October 2002 as Breast
3 Cancer Awareness Month.

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5 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer
6 diagnosed in women in the nation, and

7 WHEREAS, Florida ranks third in the nation for total
8 number of new breast cancer cases and deaths from breast
9 cancer, and

10 WHEREAS, all women are at risk for breast cancer, and
11 the single most important risk factor is age, such that 64
12 percent of all breast cancers occur in women age 60 and older,
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14 WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer
15 Society estimates that a total of 12,500 new cases of invasive
16 breast cancer in Florida will be reported for the year 2001,
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18 WHEREAS, every 3 hours, one woman in Florida dies of
19 breast cancer, and a total of 2,600 Florida women will die of
20 breast cancer within 1 year, and

21 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common cause
22 of cancer death in white women and the number one cause of
23 cancer death among African-American women, and

24 WHEREAS, early detection through routine clinical and
25 mammography screening beginning at age 40 in compliance with
26 the American Cancer Society's recommended breast cancer
27 screening guidelines is the key to improving survival rates
28 for breast cancer, and

29 WHEREAS, breast cancer awareness programs, such as the
30 American Cancer Society's Tell-A-Friend-Tuesday program, will
31 promote early detection through regular screening in

1 conjunction with the promotion of October as Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month, NOW, THEREFORE,

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4 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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6 That the Florida Senate recognizes the month of October
7 2002 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Florida and urges all
8 women to understand the risks associated with breast cancer,
9 to take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to
10 undergo early detection procedures such as mammography and
11 compliance with the American Cancer Society's recommended
12 breast cancer screening guidelines.

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