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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing October 2011 as "Breast
3 Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, with the exception of skin cancer, breast cancer
6 is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women and is the
7 second leading cause of cancer death in women, and

8 WHEREAS, Florida ranks third in the nation in both the
9 number of new breast cancer cases per year, more than 14,000,
10 and the number of related deaths, estimated at 2,650 in 2010,
11 and

12 WHEREAS, a woman living in Florida has a one-in-eight
13 chance of developing breast cancer, and

14 WHEREAS, since 1990, female breast cancer deaths have
15 steadily decreased, largely due to progress in early detection
16 and improved treatment, with mammography remaining the single
17 most effective method of early detection, identifying cancer
18 several years before physical symptoms develop, and

19 WHEREAS, early detection, through routine clinical exams
20 and mammography screening beginning at age 40 in compliance with
21 the American Cancer Society recommended guidelines, is the key
22 to detecting breast cancer early, when treatment is most
23 successful, and

24 WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for breast cancer when it
25 is found in its earliest stages is 98 percent; however, that
26 rate drops to 23 percent if the cancer is detected later, in a
27 stage of metastases, and

28 WHEREAS, breast cancer awareness events and programs, such
29 as the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast

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30 Cancer" events and its "Reach to Recovery" program are essential
31 in promoting an understanding of the risks associated with
32 breast cancer and encouraging women to take preventive steps to
33 minimize those risks and to undergo early detection procedures,
34 and

35 WHEREAS, support for the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical
36 Cancer Early Detection Program will promote early breast cancer
37 detection through regular screening, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 That October 2011 is recognized as "Breast Cancer Awareness
42 Month" in Florida.