By Senator Thompson

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1   Senate Resolution
2   A resolution recognizing July 2015 as "Fibroid
3   Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.
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5   WHEREAS, the State of Florida has an interest in fostering
6   the health and well-being of its citizens and engaging in a
7   conscientious commitment to advancing women's health, and
8   WHEREAS, uterine fibroids, clinically known as uterine
9   leiomyoma, are the most common benign tumors in the uterus, and
10   WHEREAS, three out of four women will have uterine fibroids
11   during their lives, one in four women will experience symptoms
12   severe enough to require medical intervention, and up to 80
13   percent of women by age 50 will be affected by uterine fibroids,
14   and
15   WHEREAS, African American women experience uterine fibroids
16   at a rate three to five times that of the general population, a
17   higher rate than any other ethnic group, and
18   WHEREAS, in the United States, uterine fibroids are the
19   leading cause of hysterectomy and, consequently, the loss of
20   reproductive potential, and nearly half of all hysterectomies
21   are performed to address uterine fibroids, and
22   WHEREAS, according to the National Uterine Fibroids
23   Foundation, Florida ranks 23rd in the nation in the frequency of
24   hysterectomies, and
25   WHEREAS, in the United States, more than $5 billion is
26   spent annually on the medical expense of hysterectomy
27   procedures, and about 144 million work hours are lost due to the
28   procedures, and
29   WHEREAS, the establishment of health seminars, funding

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30 opportunities, medical information panels, and community

31 programs would empower and inform residents of this state about

32 uterine fibroids and would encourage earlier diagnosis, more

33 research, better treatment options, and eventually a cure for

34 uterine fibroids, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38   That July 2015 is recognized as "Fibroid Awareness Month"

39 in the State of Florida.