

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 418

Designating September 2004 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating September 2004 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”.

Whereas countless families in the United States live with prostate cancer;

Whereas 1 in 6 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime;

Whereas over the past decade, prostate cancer has been the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second most common cancer killer of men in the United States;

Whereas over 230,000 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 29,900 men in the United States will die of prostate cancer in 2004, according to American Cancer Society estimates;

Whereas 30 percent of new cases occur in men under the age of 65;

Whereas a man in the United States turns 50 years old about every 14 seconds, increasing the occurrence of cancer and, particularly, of prostate cancer;

Whereas African-American males suffer a prostate cancer incidence rate as much as 60 percent higher than White males and have double the mortality rates;

Whereas obesity is a significant predictor of prostate cancer severity and death;

Whereas if a man in the United States has 1 family member diagnosed with prostate cancer, he has double the risk of prostate cancer, if he has 2 family members with such diagnosis, he has 5 times the risk, and if he has 3 family members with such diagnosis, he has a 97-percent risk of prostate cancer;

Whereas screening by both digital rectal examination and prostate specific antigen blood test can diagnose the disease in earlier and more treatable stages and reduce prostate cancer mortality;

Whereas ongoing research promises to further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatments; and

Whereas educating people in the United States, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving men's lives and preserving and protecting families: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates September 2004 as “National  
3       Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”;

4               (2) declares that the Federal Government has a  
5       responsibility to—

6                       (A) raise awareness about the importance  
7                       of screening methods and treatment of prostate  
8                       cancer;

9                       (B) increase research funding that is com-  
10                      mensurate with the burden of the disease so  
11                      that the causes of prostate cancer, and im-  
12                      proved screening, treatments, and a cure for  
13                      prostate cancer, may be discovered; and

14                     (C) continue to consider ways for improv-  
15                     ing the access to, and quality of, health care  
16                     services for detecting and treating prostate can-  
17                     cer; and

18               (3) requests that the President issue a procla-  
19       mation calling on the people of the United States,  
20       interested groups, and affected persons to—

21                       (A) promote awareness of prostate cancer;

22                       (B) take an active role in the fight to end  
23                       the devastating affects of prostate cancer on in-  
24                       dividuals, their families, and the economy; and

- 1 (C) observe the month of September 2004
- 2 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

