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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE INCREASED RISK TO
2 AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN FOR DEVELOPING PROSTATE CANCER AND URGING
3 INCREASED EDUCATION, AWARENESS, OUTREACH AND DETECTION FOR
4 PROSTATE CANCER.

5 WHEREAS, in 2018, there were expected to be 164,690 new cases
6 of prostate cancer and about 29,430 deaths from prostate cancer in
7 the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a disease that disproportionately
9 affects men with a family history of this disease (particularly
10 brother and/or father) and as they advance in age; and

11 WHEREAS, however, African-American men are at an increased
12 risk for developing prostate cancer compared to white men and
13 other men of color. One in six African-American men will develop
14 prostate cancer in his lifetime; and

15 WHEREAS, overall, African-American men are 1.7 times more
16 likely to be diagnosed with, and 2.3 times more likely to die from
17 prostate cancer than white men. African-American men are also
18 slightly more likely than white men to be diagnosed with advanced
19 stages of the disease; and



20 WHEREAS, race, age and family history present a triple risk
21 for older African-Americans; and

22 WHEREAS, finding prostate cancer when it is still at an early
23 stage offers the best hope for effective treatment and potentially
24 living cancer free; and

25 WHEREAS, if the disease progresses to metastatic, the
26 prognosis is poor with median survival of about three years; and

27 WHEREAS, improved awareness of prostate cancer, understanding
28 of increased risks for developing it, as well as access to recent
29 medical advances that may extend the time a patient lives without
30 their cancer spreading, are important to improve patient outcomes;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators has
33 called for increased funding and outreach "To Adopt Additional
34 Funds for Education, Awareness, Outreach and Early Detection for
35 Prostate Cancer":

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, That the Legislature encourages culturally competent
38 outreach efforts to educate and inform communities of color on the
39 importance of early detection, encourages African-American men to
40 participate in clinical trials, and encourages clinical trials to
41 actively recruit African-American men.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 transmitted to the Capitol Press Corps.

