



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer is the leading cause of death from  
3 gynecologic cancers in the United States, and the fifth leading  
4 cause of death among U.S. women; and

5 WHEREAS, It is one of the most insidious types of cancer  
6 affecting women of which has few signs or symptoms and is  
7 difficult to detect; and

8 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer symptoms included bloating,  
9 frequent urination, constipation, diarrhea, and fatigue; any  
10 woman who experiences these symptoms for more than two to three  
11 weeks should promptly have a thorough examination to determine  
12 if ovarian cancer is present; and

13 WHEREAS, Increased awareness of the symptoms and risk  
14 factors of ovarian cancer will enhance chances of early  
15 detection and survival from the disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed  
17 non-skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related  
18 death among men; and

19 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer has accounted for 15 percent of  
20 the nation's cancer burden and 15 percent of male cancer  
21 deaths; and

22 WHEREAS, Research suggests that men can reduce their risk  
23 of prostate cancer mortality if they follow recommended  
24 prostate cancer screening guidelines; and

25 WHEREAS, Increased awareness and use of early detection  
26 practices by men is essential to controlling prostate cancer;  
27 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we designate the month of September 2005 as Ovarian and  
4           Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, to be observed throughout the  
5           State as a month set apart to promote advocacy activities, to  
6           call attention to ovarian cancer and prostate cancer research,  
7           and to honor those whose lives have been impacted by these  
8           cancers; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That we call upon the citizens of the State to  
10          promote awareness of ovarian and prostate cancer.