

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 80

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 85

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 80, Speier. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of June 2000 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, In 1999, prostate cancer was expected to kill nearly 40,000 men in the United States, with 125,000 new cases in California expected to be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most diagnosed cancer among men in the United States, comprising more than 41 percent of all cancer cases; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans have the highest, most terminal incidence of prostate cancer in the world; and

WHEREAS, This disease has a devastating impact on men and their families; and

WHEREAS, Although California's Cancer Research Program spends nearly 33 percent of its research budget on prostate cancer, prostate cancer still receives only 5 percent of federal cancer research dollars; and

WHEREAS, Father's Day occurs in the month of June, and CaP CURE, a national association for the cure of prostate cancer, sponsors the CaP CURE Home Run Challenge in the week around that remembrance day, where individuals pledge contributions for each home run hit in 60 scheduled games, and those contributions are matched by the Major League Baseball Players Association with expenses underwritten by the Milken Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The numerous prostate cancer support groups in the state and the California Prostate Cancer Coalition, in conjunction with the California Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and the National Prostate Cancer Coalition are working toward raising awareness and research funds dedicated to advances in treatment and, ultimately, a cure for prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, The East and West Bay Regions of the American Cancer Society are sponsoring a conference entitled "GET CONNECTED: Prostate Cancer Information Exchange" at the UCSF-Cole Hall in San Francisco on the Saturday before Father's Day; now, therefore, be it



Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the month of June 2000 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of California, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

