**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 2016 AS BLADDER HEALTH MONTH IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, tens of millions of Americans are affected by bladder diseases and conditions, including urinary incontinence, overactive bladder, underactive bladder, interstitial cystitis, nocturia, urinary tract infections, bladder cancer, urotrauma, and neurogenic bladder; and

Whereas, bladder diseases and conditions have a significant impact on health and quality of life, contributing to depression, social isolation, accidents, sexual dysfunction, loss of self‑esteem, hospitalizations, nursing home admissions, and even deaths; and

Whereas, medical and behavioral research to better understand and maintain bladder health and treat bladder diseases is critically needed; and

Whereas, bladder problems are highly stigmatized, and open dialogue generated by Bladder Health Month can reduce this stigma and empower medical providers and patients to have much‑needed conversations about bladder health. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize November 2016 as Bladder Health Month in South Carolina.

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