

Senate Resolution 1084

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Goggans of the 7th, Miles of the 43rd and Tolleson of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Check It Today organization and recognizing September as "Prostate
2 Awareness Month" and encouraging all Georgians to learn about prostate cancer; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Check It Today organization is an Atlanta based nonprofit organization
5 whose mission is to spread greater awareness about health and education through the media,
6 focusing primarily on increasing prostate cancer awareness; and

7 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the second most common cause of cancer deaths in men in
8 the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, African American men have the highest rate of prostate cancer in the world and
10 are 50 percent more likely to get prostate cancer than any other race; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia has the worst prostate cancer mortality in the country; and

12 WHEREAS, every three minutes, an American man finds out he has prostate cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, in the next 24 hours, prostate cancer will claim the lives of over 80 American
14 men and more than 300,000 men will be diagnosed with the disease in 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, men with a body mass index of 32.5 or greater are 33 percent more likely to die
16 from prostate cancer if diagnosed, and more than 40,000 men will die from prostate cancer
17 this year; and

18 WHEREAS, the cause of prostate cancer is unknown; however, the factors of dietary fat,
19 environmental conditions, exposure to heavy metals, smoking, and infectious agents may
20 play a role in its cause; and

1 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a silent, growing disease as there are no symptoms in the
2 early stages, so early detection is crucial; and

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia will suffer the unacceptable loss of 14,000 men this year
4 from prostate cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, early detection is the key to survival of this silent, deadly killer, and the State
6 of Georgia recognizes the need for awareness and education for the early diagnosis and
7 treatment of prostate cancer.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
9 encourage all Georgians to stop the silence about prostate cancer, recognize September as
10 "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month," and commend Check It Today organization for its
11 dedication to the crucial mission of prostate cancer awareness.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Check It Today organization and
14 Governor Sonny Perdue.