

## House Resolution 1257

By: Representatives Williams of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Quick of the 117<sup>th</sup>, and Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Kurt Gelfand and recognizing February 6, 2014, as Prostate Cancer Awareness  
2 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 241,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States this  
4 year, with 31,000 of those men losing their lives to the disease; and

5 WHEREAS, men have a higher risk of getting prostate cancer than women getting breast  
6 cancer, with one in six men at risk; and

7 WHEREAS, early screening through the PSA blood test and the digital rectal exam are the  
8 screening tools doctors are using to determine which patients are at risk; and

9 WHEREAS, men diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age, younger than 50, usually  
10 have a more aggressive case; and

11 WHEREAS, screening men and catching prostate cancer early can usually save lives but,  
12 because men often refuse to see their physicians, the cancer is sometimes detected too late;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Kurt Gelfand, a prostate cancer survivor, has started an awareness campaign  
15 called "Save Our Dads" to educate and inform the public about this deadly disease; and

16 WHEREAS, prostate cancer survivors are many in number, but few are willing to share their  
17 experiences because it is considered a "below the belt" disease, with common side effects of  
18 surgery or radiation including incontinence and erectile dysfunction; and

19 WHEREAS, it is the goal of "Save Our Dads" to bring these topics to the forefront and  
20 support prostate cancer patients to let them know that they are not alone in the fight against  
21 this disease.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend Kurt Gelfand on his courageous efforts in raising  
24 awareness in Georgia about prostate cancer and recognize February 6, 2014, as Prostate  
25 Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Kurt Gelfand.