

Senate Resolution 860

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Unterman of the 45th, Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 6th and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 4, 2016, as Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, over 241,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States
4 this year, with over 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 for effective treatment; and

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

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize February 4, 2016, as Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
24 press.