

## Senate Resolution 635

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Miller of the 49th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition and recognizing February 6, 2018, as  
2 Prostate Cancer Awareness 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 seven 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, the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition has started an awareness campaign called  
15 "Know Your Score" 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 incontinence and  
18 erectile dysfunction as common side effects of surgery or radiation; and

19 WHEREAS, it is the goal of "Know Your Score" 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
23 commend the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition on their courageous efforts in raising  
24 awareness in Georgia about prostate cancer and recognize February 6, 2018, as Prostate  
25 Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia  
28 Prostate Cancer Coalition.