Reps. Murphy, Accavitti, Adamini, Anderson, Bieda, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Condino, Dennis, DeRossett, Ehardt, Elkins, Farhat, Farrah, Garfield, Gieleghem, Gillard, Gleason, Hood, Hopgood, Koetje, Kolb, Kooiman, LaSata, Law, Lipsey, Meisner, Minore, Nofs, Pappageorge, Phillips, Plakas, Richardville, Rocca, Sak, Sheltrown, Shulman, Smith, Spade, Stakoe, Stallworth, Steil, Taub, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Voorhees, Waters, Wojno, Zelenko and Gaffney offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 309.

A resolution declaring September 2004 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Whereas, Prostate cancer is the second most common malignancy in America, behind skin cancer; and

Whereas, The most common risk factor of prostate cancer is age. More than 70 percent of men identified to have prostate cancer are over the age of 65. African-American males have a higher risk of prostate cancer than white males. The risk of prostate cancer rises with the number of close relatives who have this disease; and

Whereas, Prostate cancer is diagnosed every two minutes and forty-five seconds. Every twenty minutes one male dies of prostate cancer; and

Whereas, Research suggests that men can reduce their risk of prostate cancer mortality if awareness is increased and recommended prostate cancer screening guidelines are followed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representative, That the members of this legislative body declare September 2004 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.