

*Recognizes June 17, 2010 as "National Bladder Cancer Awareness Day"*

Washington, D.C. –U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) today introduced a resolution recognizing July 17, 2010 as "National Bladder Cancer Awareness Day."

"Bladder cancer affects tens of thousands of American families, but it is highly treatable when diagnosed early," Rooney said. "As with many types of cancer, early detection is critical to treating and recovering from the disease."

"National Bladder Cancer Awareness Day will be an opportunity to spread awareness of bladder cancer symptoms, so that everyone can recognize the signs and seek prompt medical attention."

According to the American Bladder Cancer Society, early symptoms of bladder cancer include: blood or blood clots in urine, pain during urination, frequent urination, and frequent urinary tract infections.

Bladder cancer is the fourth most common form of cancer in men and eighth most common in women. Approximately 71,000 new cases of bladder cancer were diagnosed in 2009, and approximately 14,000 people died from the disease last year. Nearly 90 percent of people with bladder cancer are over 55. Bladder cancer has the highest recurrence rate of any form of cancer.

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