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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, More Americans die every year from
3 tobacco-related diseases than from AIDS, alcohol, car
4 accidents, fires, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides
5 combined; and

6 WHEREAS, The annual health care costs in Illinois directly
7 related to smoking is approximately \$3.2 billion; and

8 WHEREAS, Of the \$3.2 billion, Medicaid pays for
9 approximately \$1.22 billion; and

10 WHEREAS, The number of children who are currently under the
11 age of 18 who will die prematurely due to smoking is estimated
12 to be 297,000; and

13 WHEREAS, Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of
14 preventable death in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Individuals exposed to secondhand smoke in the
16 workplace are 34% more likely to develop lung cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, A non-smoker in a smoky restaurant can consume the
18 equivalent of 4 cigarettes in 2 hours; and

19 WHEREAS, An estimated 65,000 people die each year in the
20 United States from exposure to secondhand smoke, nearly 1,570
21 people in Illinois; and

22 WHEREAS, Comprehensive Cancer Planning efforts, in
23 collaboration with the Illinois Department of Public Health,
24 have identified promoting tobacco prevention initiatives as a
25 key priority area to reduce cancer incidence and mortality in
26 Illinois; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we will promote the
3 health of all Illinois residents by working to reduce the toll
4 of tobacco on Illinoisans, and we urge the Honorable Governor
5 Rod Blagojevich to do the same; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 delivered to the Governor of the State of Illinois.