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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD),  
3 also known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the fourth  
4 leading cause of death in the United States; COPD is the only  
5 one of the top five causes of death that is rising in  
6 prevalence and has an increasing death rate; and

7           WHEREAS, COPD is a chronic progressive disease that impacts  
8 over 5,266,000 Illinois residents and 24,000,000 Americans;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, In 2004, the annual cost to the nation as it  
11 relates to COPD was estimated to be \$37 billion; \$2,330 per  
12 month per COPD patient; and

13           WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and management of COPD can  
14 effectively reduce the overall financial burden of the illness  
15 within public programs such as Medicaid; and

16           WHEREAS, Proper management of COPD can lead to improved  
17 quality of life and self-sufficiency on the part of COPD  
18 patients cared for within public programs; and

19           WHEREAS, Disease management has proven to reduce the  
20 overall cost of care and to increase the quality of life for

1 patients with chronic diseases, especially when such  
2 management is targeted to appropriate conditions and patients;  
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 hereby support and encourage the Department of Healthcare and  
7 Family Services in its endeavors regarding disease management  
8 and in its inclusion of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease  
9 in the Department's chronic care improvement program in an  
10 effort to reduce the financial and clinical burden of COPD on  
11 the Medicaid program and the citizens of Illinois.