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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death
3 for both men and women, and within every ethnic population, in
4 Illinois, the United States and the world, this year killing
5 more Americans than breast, prostate, and colon cancer
6 combined; and

7 WHEREAS, In the United States in 2010, about 222,520 new
8 cases of lung cancer are estimated to be diagnosed (116,750
9 among men and 105,770 among women); and

10 WHEREAS, In the United States in 2010, there will be an
11 estimated 157,300 deaths from lung cancer (86,220 among men and
12 71,080 among women), accounting for about 27% of all cancer
13 deaths; and

14 WHEREAS, In Illinois in 2010, there will be an estimated
15 9,190 people who are diagnosed with lung cancer, and it is
16 estimated that over 6,490 residents will succumb to the
17 disease; and

18 WHEREAS, Lung cancer causes include smoking, secondhand
19 smoke, exposure to toxins and known carcinogens, and genetic
20 abnormalities; and

1 WHEREAS, 80% of lung cancer cases are diagnosed in people
2 who have never smoked or who have quit smoking; and

3 WHEREAS, An estimated 90% of lung cancer deaths among men
4 and approximately 80% of lung cancer deaths among women are
5 attributed to smoking; and

6 WHEREAS, Lung cancer has a poor prognosis; even with
7 treatment, people with advanced non-small cell lung cancer have
8 a 5-year survival rate of less than 5 percent; and

9 WHEREAS, Increased awareness and coordination among all
10 stakeholders, including federal and state governments,
11 providers, patient groups, community leaders and
12 organizations, the public, businesses, and researchers, is
13 critical to promote the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of
14 lung cancer; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 proclaim the month of November 2010 as Lung Cancer Awareness
18 Month in the State of Illinois.